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Principals dissatisfied, survey finds

Edmonton Public School Board. Results show satisfaction with superintendent's leadership declined 17 per cent over last year

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Edmonton principals are significantly less satisfied this year than previous years when it comes to a host of topics including confidence in the Board of Trustees.

Public school board principals are less satisfied with the way money is used in the district, input into district-level decisions, and effective leadership provided

by the superintendent of schools, according to results from the district satisfaction survey.

The survey, which was administered in April 2012, saw 197 surveys sent to principals and 191 responses.

Results show that while 76 per cent of principals who responded to the survey in 2008 were confident in the Board of Trustees, that number dropped to 40 per cent in 2011 and decreased to just 29 per cent in 2012.

Other questions show similar decreases this year compared to last amongst principals, including a 30 per cent decline — from 88 per cent to 58 per cent — when asked about “opportunities for professional development.”

Cory Sinclair, spokes-

person for EPSB, speculated that a moratorium issued on out-of-province travel by the superintendent could have contributed to frustration amongst principals in regards to satisfaction with the superintendent and opportunities for professional development.

“One of the challenges with surveys like this is there is not any explanation of why the indicator was given,” he said.

It's important that trustees take the time to listen to what principals are saying, said Bill Tucker, president of the Canadian Association of Principals.

“If they're speaking as a group with discontent it's usually a discontent because they can't meet the needs of their school or the children.”

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Premier Alison Redford speaks to reporters in Calgary on Nov. 10. She admitted Thursday that while her party didn't campaign on running up debt, the economy has worsened and the province needs to recognize that fact. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Redford: Hard times mean taking on debt

Sagging economy.
Premier admits plan wasn't part of campaign

Alberta Premier Alison Redford admitted Thursday that while her party didn't campaign in the April election on running up debt, the economy has worsened since then and now they must adapt.

"It (borrowing money) is not something that we talked about during the campaign because that wasn't the fiscal reality during the campaign," Redford told reporters.

She pointed to Tuesday's announcement by federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty

that a weak global economy means the federal deficit will hit \$26 billion this year, \$5 billion more than predicted.

"The economic downturn has gone in a way that no one expected it to, the federal government has said that," said Redford.

"What we will do is manage our government and manage our budget in tune with the times."

Earlier Thursday, in a speech to rural and county politicians, Redford expounded on that theme.

"We will ensure that we put in place the right progress that we need to make on infrastructure so that the schools, the hospitals, clinics, water systems and roads are in place

in your communities.

Opposition Wildrose leader Danielle Smith accused Redford of manipulating Albertans in a cynical political shell game by delivering a set of rosy oil price and corporate growth projections in February's pre-election budget knowing they wouldn't be met.

"This is fairly typical of a premier who talks out of both sides of her mouth," said Smith.

"They didn't want to go to the public and face the electorate saying, 'Hey vote for us and we'll go back into debt again.'"

Smith said regardless of the rhetoric, a province of under four million people with resource revenues at \$10 billion

Red ink

- The budget predicted an \$886-million deficit but a return to surplus budgets in 2013-14.
- But after the election, in August, Horner announced a revised budget deficit forecast to be as high as \$3 billion.
- Former premier Ralph Klein retired the former provincial debt of \$23 billion in 2005.

a year should not be going hat in hand to the capital markets.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

First for the province

University of Alberta to host conference for gay-straight alliances

Sixty students from across the province will meet in Edmonton Saturday to network, support and learn from one another at Alberta's first conference for gay-straight alliances (GSA).

The conference, hosted by the U of A's Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (ISMSS), will focus on connecting students involved in gay-straight alliances from across the province with one another.

Dr. Kristopher Wells, ISMSS associate director, estimates that there are 40 GSA organizations in Alberta, from counsellors to open student groups to proactive social justice champions.

"The main goal is to help support and sustain gay-straight alliances in our schools; recognizing that these are not only important, safe places, but important educational spaces to show diversity, equity and human rights," said Wells, noting that the first known GSA in Alberta was formed in Red Deer in 2000.

Spoon, a musician and author, was born and raised in Southern Alberta as a girl before coming out as transgendered.

"I hope it brings a sense of broader community. It's easy to feel isolated in high school, but meeting other students in the same situation, the same age group will be really great to show the diversity of the community," Spoon told Metro.

Wells said this is the first of many conferences, and hopes the event will take place in a different Alberta city or town in the coming years.

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New northwest neighbourhood demands a green standard

Development to be catalyst? Oxford area will require energy-efficient homes

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Edmonton's newest neighbourhood will be a green one with mandatory environmental standards and sustainable development.

Lots will soon go on sale in the Oxford neighbourhoods in the city's northwest, where all homes will have to maintain a mandated level of energy efficiency and will have to have environmentally friendly landscaping and design.

"It sends an important message that Edmonton wants to become a leader in environmental sustainability," said Coun. Dave Loken while announcing the new project Thursday.

Sharon Copithorne, executive director of Build Green Canada, said homeowners in Oxford are going to save 10

Green homes

- The standard for homes in Oxford will be a Built Green silver standard, which means a home has a Energuide rating of at least 78. Most new homes built today achieve a rating of between 65 and 72.
- The city will offer grants to homeowners of up to \$20,000 for the secondary suites in their homes.

per cent on their energy bills because of the higher standard.

Loken said he hopes the development will serve as a catalyst and have home buyers all over the city asking for more.

"I invite any Edmontonian thinking of building a home to take a look at Oxford and demand a higher environmental standard for your new home."

John Hrynkow with Park Royal Homes, one of the selected builders, said the cost



Coun. Dave Loken speaks with reporters Thursday as the city unveiled plans for the new Oxford development, where homes will be mandated to have a high environmental standard. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

of the units is going to be between five and 10 per cent more than normal, but there

are also lots of areas to save. "There is a savings on the operation of the home, but

also they are going to have revenue from the rental suite in the lower level."

The city will do a public lot auction on 44 of the lots in the neighbourhood on Nov. 28.

U of A symposium showcases students' quirky questions



U of A undergraduate student Kirsten Dembicki, 21, spent several months looking at and analyzing photos for research on families. ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Undergraduate students at the University of Alberta have moved far beyond the baking-soda volcanoes of their elementary school science fair days.

Exploring women's responses to online media coverage of weight loss and studying the effects of Alberta's oil sands on fish appetites were two of several projects on display at a research symposium on Thursday.

Hosted by the students' union in partnership with the university, students from several faculties presented research at the event.

"It's a great way to showcase to the campus community and the Edmonton community just how bright University of Alberta students really are," said Dustin Chelen, vice-president academic at the students' union.

Fourth-year undergraduate student Kirsten Dembicki spent 200 hours this summer looking at and analyzing photos taken with disposable cameras by 18 families with young children.

Dembicki presented her research on the everyday family life, as it is captured through the use of cameras and scrap-

books, at the symposium.

"Families today are going to be the future tomorrow. It's good that we understand what families are like today so we can have the most beneficial society in the future," she said. Dembicki was excited by the opportunity to present her research to staff and students.

The last time she participated in a science fair was in junior high when she tested stain removers.

"It's kind of interesting how I've gone from stain removers to families," she said.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Research symposium

- More than 90 students participated in the University of Alberta undergraduate research symposium.
- Research projects included mapping the lines of unsanctioned paths worn only by frequent footsteps and capturing the everyday life of families through photographs and scrapbooks.

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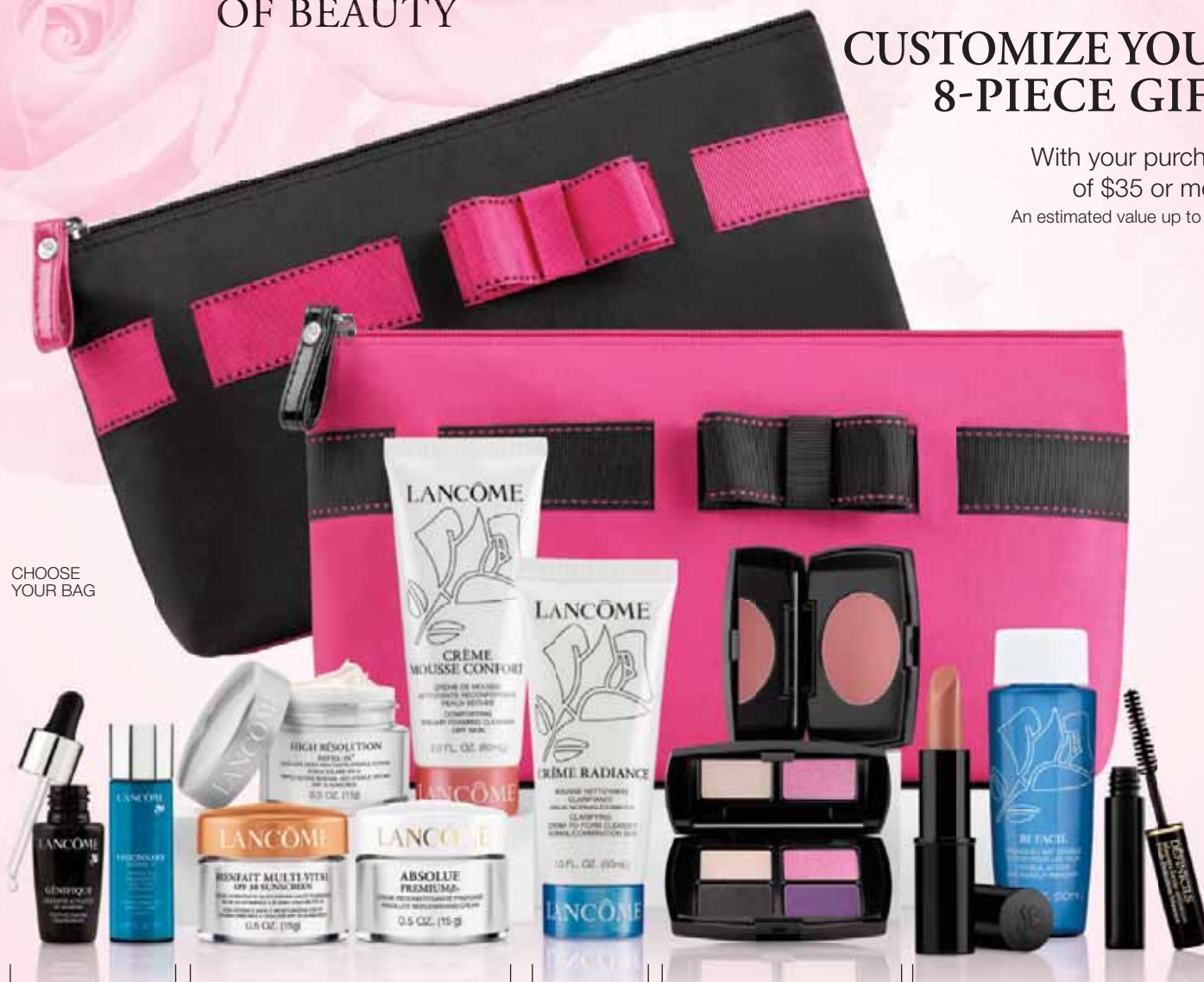
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Interactive teaching and learning is a focus of Alberta Technology Leaders in Education, where exhibitors and educators mingle to find the latest ways around a classroom.

John Varghese and Sher-

ine Mani run a classroom on wheels, training teachers how to use software and whiteboard technology from Prometheus, an emerging player vying for business in schools that is now dominated by SMART Boards, which are made by a Calgary-based company.

"You have to get on this train or get left behind," said Varghese. "It's dramatic how grades improve when students have access to technology."

Distance-learning teacher Carey Klassen agrees.

"Kids need flexible learning options. These technologies let someone come in at 7 a.m. and do an online course — if that suits their learning style, it's available." **LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO**



Sherine Mani is a tour guide of the handheld devices, iPad-like learning tables, and whiteboards that company Prometheus offers schools for the latest interactive learning experiences. **LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO**

Victims of violence

Transgendered memorial takes place on Saturday

Victims of transphobic violence will be remembered Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at McDougall United Church.

The event is a memorial for those who have been

murdered, but it's also a chance to put a visible face to the violence against transgender people, according to speaker Jan Buterman.

"This year's event hits close to home. Edmonton saw two attacks against visibly gender-variant individuals," added emcee Angela Reid.

Speakers include Edmonton-Centre MLA Laurie Blake-man. **LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO**



Some of the archival history documenting the Queen's three visits to Edmonton in 1959, 1978 and 2005. **LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO**

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"This exhibit engages the public as part of the art," said Amber Rooke, acting Executive Director for The Works. "And by telling personal stories from the Queen's visits here, we're also sharing the evolution of Edmonton."

Areas like Beverly Heights and Jasper Place didn't even exist back then, but Edmontonians were bringing their Super 8s and flash cameras to see the Queen dedicate Coronation Park in 1959 and attend the Commonwealth

Games alongside Pierre Trudeau in 1978.

Did you know, for example, that a special toilet was built at Commonwealth Stadium for \$50,000 for the Queen? It was never used, and became a storage closet.

Marketing assistant for The Works, Sean Steels, is optimistic about the exhibit. "There's a connection to the Monarchy regardless of age or ethnicity — something part of the Canadian fabric," he said.

A call for submissions has gone out to seniors groups, photography stores and is at theworks.ab.ca

Get in touch

- Queen Elizabeth has made post-Coronation visits to Edmonton in 1959, 1978, and 2005.
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The Calgary Board of Education board of trustees, seen at a meeting last year, could soon be granted the ability to appoint a First Nations representative with full voting power. METRO FILE

Aboriginals could soon be appointed as school trustees

New measures. Proponents don't believe Education Act provisions set dangerous precedent



JEREMY NOLAÏS
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Citing a need to improve the voice of First Nations parents in Alberta, the province has quietly added a provision into the Education Act that allows appointment —

rather than election — of school board trustees from select communities.

The provision only applies to boards that have a tuition agreement in place with neighbouring First Nations settlement — the Calgary Board of Education, for example, would be eligible because kids are shipped in from Tsuu T'ina to learn at city schools.

Jacque Hansen with the Alberta School Boards Association, however, said the new provisions outlined in the act, which could become law as early as late-2014,

would likely be first utilized by certain rural school boards in the province that have agreements in place with multiple First Nations bands.

"You are essentially taking these kids off the reserve and educating them in the public system, and there isn't really a voice," Hansen said.

First Nations leaders in the province raised concerns in 2009 over the need for school curriculum with an Aboriginal perspective, funding gaps for students in their communities and

dismal graduation rates — figures in recent years have estimated up to 80 per cent of First Nations youth don't complete high school.

Clay Beck serves as president for the First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Council. He welcomed the new provisions.

"The only way to get by any kind of bias or anything discriminatory or racist is through education, in my opinion," he said. "I think those things come out of fear ... to me this is going to help bring a light to a lot of this information."

Representation

- **One-third.** Appointed First Nations trustees are given full voting power but can only make up one-third of any Alberta school board, with the other positions being filled through general elections.
- **First up.** Jacque Hansen with the Alberta School Boards Association said a school board in Wetaskiwin has already appointed a First Nations trustee.

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A jackpot worth nearly \$46 million has been won by the holder of a single lottery ticket in Alberta.

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RCMP murder

Supreme court declines Bulatci appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear the appeal of an Alberta man convicted of killing a Mountie in the Northwest Territories.

Emrah Bulatci was convicted three years ago of the first-degree murder of RCMP Const. Chris Worden in Hay River in 2007.

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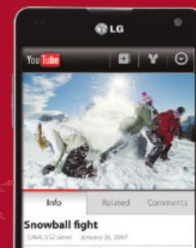
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Winter Spice Ale

Big Rock Brewery's popular seasonal beer is a full-bodied amber ale brewed with both pale and caramel malts. Not everyone wants hints of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg in their brew, but the spicier taste can add a bit of warmth and holiday cheer to your usual joyless winter drinking sessions.



LUCY HAINES/METRO

The Italian-Style Warm Up

Found at Dacapo Caffè in Edmonton, Antonio Bilotta makes espresso to order, and his cappuccinos are a work of art. Locally roasted beans are ground, packed and brewed into the strong, sometimes syrupy espresso, served straight up or as a base. To really put a fire in the belly, do as the Italians do first thing in the morning, or at quitting time on a Friday: Take a one-ounce cup of espresso with a shot of Sambuca.



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Chocolate Stout

According to Underground Tap and Grill manager David Helm, the brew to try this time of year is the Chocolate Stout from Rogue brewery. Rogue has produced a dark, rich beer that is heavy on the malt — the chocolatey part — with an added roasted coffee taste that is common to a stout. "It's a fantastic winter warm-up — my new favourite after a long day," says Helm. Makes me want to go tobogganing just so I can have a pint.

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Number of doctors at all-time high

What's up? Docs.
Proportion of physicians rapidly outpacing country's population growth

A new report says that over the last five years, the number of doctors in Canada has increased at a rate three times faster than that of the population.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says there were more than 72,500 physicians in 2011, a rise of 14 per cent since 2007.

The Canadian population grew 4.7 per cent over the same time period.

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec had the highest physician-to-population ratios, while Saskatchewan and P.E.I. had the lowest.

In 2011, 51 per cent of Canada's doctors practised family medicine, while 49 per cent were medical and surgical specialists.

The report also found that more doctors are practising in rural Canada compared to five years earlier, including 15 per cent of the country's general practitioners. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Unsolved problems

While rural regions have managed to attract new doctors with a number of programs, many areas are still badly understaffed.

- Enderby, B.C., will soon have only one doctor for its 3,000 residents. The northern Okanagan community previously had a total of five.



The inviolable right to life

Hanna Graham joins a candle-lit protest outside Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland on Thursday for Savita Halappanavar, the 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17 weeks pregnant when she was denied an abortion and died of blood poisoning after suffering a miscarriage in Galway, Ireland, on Oct. 28. Halappanavar's father, Andanappa Yalagi, said the combination of medical negligence and Irish abortion laws led to his daughter's death. **PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Inquiry reveals Mafia threats, tactics

Quebec's public inquiry is getting a glimpse into how the Italian Mafia used its muscle to maintain control of the construction industry in Montreal.

An out-of-town construction owner testified Thursday that he received multiple threats after bidding on contracts.

The Quebec City man, Martin Carrier, said he got a phone call at home in 2004. A man

with an Italian accent warned him to stop working in the city.

Carrier asked the man for his name. That prompted a curt reply.

"Never mind who I am," the caller said. "Because the next time you won't be walking away from here.... Thank you and have a nice day."

Later, when he didn't back down, Carrier received a con-

dolence card at his office. It was the kind of card sent to a grieving family after a death.

The printed side of the card said: "Sincerest condolences." In neat handwriting, on the other side, the card read: "Dear friend, stop bidding in Montreal. If not, your family will receive a card just like this one. Final warning."

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Mallards and mares

Justin Trudeau, horse fighter

Which would you rather fight: A horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses? Justin Trudeau recently tackled the question in a P.E.I. student newspaper. "Definitely 100 duck-sized horses," he said, noting the ferocity of Canadian



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Northern neighbours

Russia silences native voices at Arctic Council

Canada is expressing concern about Russia shutting down a group that represents its northern aboriginals at international Arctic Council meetings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Booze bulge. Study says Americans pack on the pounds through alcohol

Americans get too many calories from soda. But what about alcohol? It turns out adults get almost as many empty calories from booze as from soft drinks, a government study found.

Soda and other sweetened drinks — the focus of obesity-fighting public-health campaigns — are the source of about six per cent of the calories adults consume, on average. Alcoholic beverages account for about five per cent, the new study found.

"We've been focusing on sugar-sweetened beverages. This is something new," said Cynthia Ogden, one of the study's authors. She's an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which released its findings Thursday.

The government research-



A study has found that the average guy drinks 150 calories a day, equal to a can of Budweiser. GETTY IMAGES

ers say the findings deserve attention because, like soda, alcohol contains few nutrients but plenty of calories.

The CDC study is based on interviews with more than 11,000 U.S. adults from 2007 through 2010.

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Tycho. Scientists say Danish astronomer didn't die from mercury

Ever since Tycho Brahe died suddenly more than 400 years ago, there has been mystery about whether the Dane whose celestial observations laid the groundwork for modern astronomy fell victim to natural causes or was murdered.

On Thursday, scientists who had exhumed his body said one thing is clear: If he was murdered, it wasn't with mercury, as many rumours had claimed.

"We measured the concentration of mercury using

three different quantitative chemical methods in our labs" in the Czech Republic and Denmark, said Kaare Lund Rasmussen, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Southern Denmark.

"All tests revealed the same result: That mercury concentrations were not sufficiently high to have caused his death," he said in a statement.

Tests on the remains are still being conducted.

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Brazil looks to cloning to combat extinction

Threatened species. Brazilian project collecting cells from endangered animals, but initial cloning attempt is likely still years away

Brazilian researchers are turning to cloning to help fight the perilous decline of several animal species.

The scientists at Brazil's Embrapa agriculture research agency said this week they have spent two years building a gene library with hundreds of samples from eight native species, including the collared anteater, the bush dog, the black lion tamarin, the coati, and deer and bison varieties, as well as the jaguar and the maned wolf.

While still in its early stages, with the birth of a clone likely years away, the project represents Brazilian scientists' first foray into the cloning of wild animals, said team leader Carlos Frederico Martins.

Scientists in other parts of the world have been cloning threatened species for more than a decade, though with a low rate of success, and sometimes with the criticism from conservationists who say more should instead be done to save endangered animals in the wild by protecting their natural habitats.

Martins said that any clones that eventually emerge from the Brazilian

Hour of the wolf

The project's top candidate for initial cloning is the maned wolf, a towering canine with long legs and a thick red pelt.

- **Creating pups.** A skin cell from the wolf would be inserted into the egg of a common dog and then implanted into another dog's uterus.

- **Endangered list.** With an estimated total population of 23,600, the vast majority of them in Brazil, the maned wolf is classified as "near threatened" on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



An onca pintada jaguar walks in the Jardim Zoo in Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A tricky enterprise

Learning From Dolly

The cloning of animals became a reality in 1996 with the birth of the Dolly the sheep. Dolly developed a virus-induced lung disease and was euthanized at age six

— about half the life expectancy of her breed — but she gave birth to four lambs. Cloning remains a difficult enterprise with a success rate of about five to seven per cent. The first reported cross-species clone, a wild ox called a gaur born in 2001, died of dysentery two days later. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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National matters

One-on-one. Peter Mansbridge shares his thoughts on the media, consumers and climate change



RUTH DAVENPORT
Metro in Halifax

Veteran news anchor Peter Mansbridge was in Halifax Thursday for a live broadcast of The National.

Mansbridge has worked as a journalist for 45 years, 25 of those with the CBC anchoring the nightly newscast. He sat down with Metro to share some insights from nearly a half-century of experience.

What's your sense, given your vast experience, of how engaged people are?

What I've found with our audience generally is that

when something big happens, they're very interested. Then as things quiet down, they're more concerned about domestic issues.

Lots is dependent on what we do in the media — we spent so much money covering the post-9-11 period and the Iraq war, and then we ran out of money. And sadly, when that happens, you pull back on international coverage because it's the most expensive, and you're giving less information, and it shows.

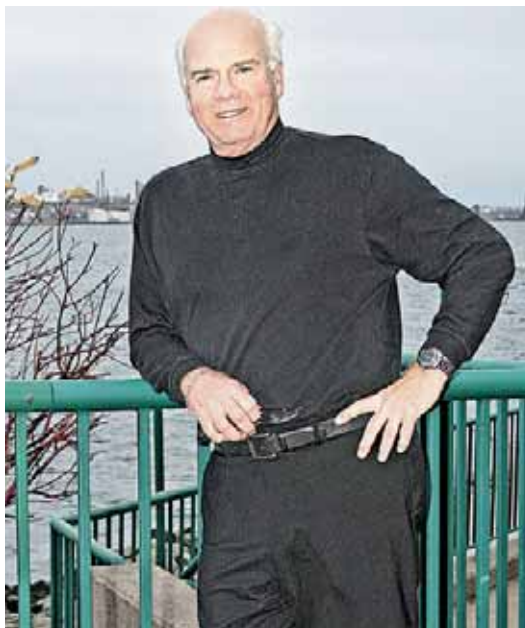
Of late, Syria is a hugely important story but I don't think people are going to be leaping to their television at night saying, 'Man, what's happening in Syria?' The latest escalation of violence between the Israelis and Palestinians may do that.

Where does the chicken-and-egg cycle start between what the media provides and what consumers want?

I think the cycle has gotten worse, for a number of reasons. One of them is at times a failure on our part.

Look at the example this week at how so much of the media went crazy over the (David) Petraeus story. Why did they do that? My theory is that it's a lot easier to tell the Petraeus story than it is to tell the fiscal-cliff story. Which one actually impacts your life? The fiscal cliff. So people get cynical because they look at that and say, "What's the matter with these guys?"

But when you look at programs like Entertainment Tonight, they're wildly popular. There's an appetite for scandal and "sexy" stuff. That's true, and that's where it belongs, is programs like that. I do fault the consumer to some



CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge outside the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel on Thursday. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO IN HALIFAX

degree. They have to make a decision about what they're going to watch and what they're going to trust. And if they're going to demand that not only on Entertainment Tonight but also in the nightly news, they'll get what they asked for, and that's too bad.

What's the story that's the most under-reported?

I think we do a pathetic job on the climate-change story. It's changing our world, without question. It's not all bad — some things are good about climate change — but there are some things that are threatening the way we live, and other countries are

miles ahead of us in adapting to climate change. We've got to get in the game.

If we're going to avert the apocalypse, what do we all need to do?

The common thread for both consumers and journalists is to understand an issue before you decide on it. In today's world of journalism where the pressure's on time, you've got to spend more time doing the basic journalism before going on the air. Our role is a fundamental, basic pillar of democracy, and if we do it poorly, everybody suffers. If we do it right, we end up living in a better society.

Top 5

Mansbridge's top-five stand-out moments in journalism:

- One-on-one with U.S. President Barack Obama.
- Being in Berlin when the wall fell.
- Travelling the Northwest Passage on the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent.
- 1979 documentary on the "boat people" of Vietnam.
- His three years as a rookie in Churchill, Man., covering the "stories that matter."

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Brazen attacks on Tel Aviv may trigger ground invasion of Gaza

Heaviest fighting in four years. Daily life at a standstill on both sides of the border

Palestinian militants targeted densely populated Tel Aviv in Israel's heartland with rockets for the first time Thursday, part of an unprecedented barrage that threatened to provoke an Israeli ground assault on Gaza. Three Israelis were killed.

Air raid sirens wailed and panicked residents ran for cover in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural capital. Israel responded by moving troops and heavy weapons toward Gaza and authorizing the call-up of tens of thousands of reservists.

There was no word on where the two rockets aimed at Tel Aviv landed, raising the possibility they fell into the Mediterranean. A third rocket landed in an open area on the southern outskirts of Tel Aviv. Those attacks came after Israel launched a ferocious air assault



A woman photographs Israeli soldiers on top an armoured personnel carrier close to the Israel-Gaza border in southern Israel on Thursday. Israel's prime minister says the army is prepared for a "significant widening" of its operation in the Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters Israel has "made it clear" it won't tolerate continued rocket fire on its civilians. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday to stop repeated rocket fire from Gaza. The powerful Hamas military chief was killed in that strike, and another 18 Palestinians have died over two days, including five children.

There were mounting signs of a ground operation. At least 12 trucks were seen transporting tanks and armoured personnel carriers toward Gaza late Thursday. Israeli TV stations said a Gaza incursion was

expected on Friday, though military officials said no decision had been made.

"We will increase the attacks, and I believe we will obtain our objectives," said Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, Israel's mil-

itary chief.

Hamas, meanwhile, warned it would strike deeper inside Israel with Iranian-made Fajr-5 rockets, acknowledging for the first time it has longer-range weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International reaction

- The White House says the U.S. strongly condemns the barrage of rocket fire from Gaza into Israel. Spokesman Jay Carney says there is "no justification" for the violence perpetrated by Hamas and other terrorist organizations.
- Egypt's Islamist president Mohammed Morsi, whose party is an ally of Gaza's Hamas rulers, recalled Egypt's ambassador to Israel in protest and on Thursday ordered his prime minister to head to the tiny Palestinian territory in solidarity.
- Iran is another close ally of Hamas rulers. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast was quoted as calling the Israeli bombardment of Gaza "organized terrorism."

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Obama views Sandy's devastation in N.Y.C.

Superstorm aftermath.

President sees wreckage more than two weeks after the storm ripped through the region

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed Thursday to stick with New Yorkers still struggling 17 days after Superstorm Sandy "until the rebuilding is complete" after getting an up-close look at devastated neighbourhoods rendered unlivable.

Obama brought the spotlight to people still living without heat or electricity, and hugged many of those trying to rebuild their lives. He also delivered a postelection message of unity, nine days after a closely divided America gave him a second term.

"We're reminded that we are bound together and we have to look out for each other," Obama said from a block in Staten Island that was demolished by the storm. "The



U.S. President Barack Obama, accompanied by, from left, Sen. Charles Schumer, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, hugs Debbie Ingenito Thursday on Cedar Grove Avenue. The street, on New York City's Staten Island, was significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

petty differences melt away."

Obama announced that Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, former chief of New York's Housing Authority, will be his point person to oversee

long-term rebuilding in the region.

The president encountered many still suffering in Sandy's aftermath, waiting in lines for food, supplies and other help.

He also met privately with

parents who experienced the most unthinkable tragedy — the loss of their young boys, Brandon and Connor Moore, who were swept away in the storm.

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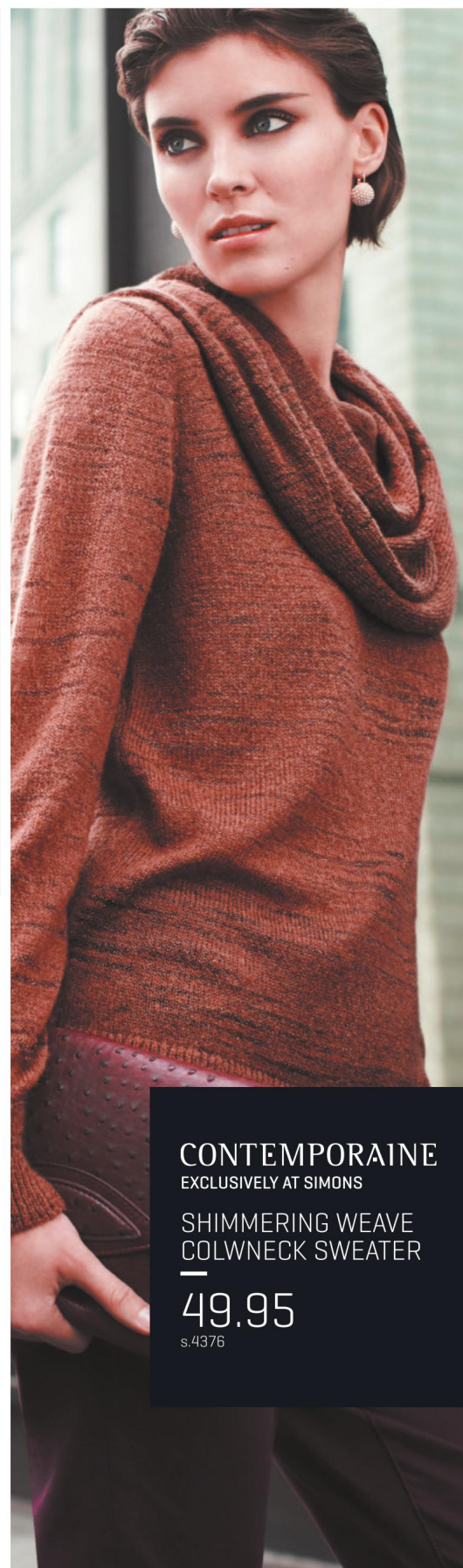
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Construction workers lay a new warm mix paving application derived from recycled plastic on a street in Vancouver on Thursday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Van City paving way for 'green' streets

Blue-box plastic.

City is one step closer to becoming greenest in the world with new recipe for asphalt

ents in a mixture used by Vancouver paving crews is actually green.

The City of Vancouver is experimenting with a new asphalt recipe along a city street that includes plastics from the household recycle bin.

Peter Judd, general manager of engineering services in Vancouver, says the idea is win, win, win for the city.

Judd says they're saving on greenhouse gases, cutting down on plastic from blue bins and chopping vapour emitted from the paving process because the asphalt is cooler.

He says the new method brings the city one step closer to becoming the greenest in the world.

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Politics

Japan heads toward elections

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda was poised to dissolve Japan's parliament Friday, setting the stage for elections next month that will likely result in a weak coalition government with differing policies on how to fix the country's myriad problems.

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FBI agent in Petraeus sex case has ties to Canada

Canadian connection. French education helped Humphries make the 1999 arrest of an Algerian al-Qaida member



FBI agent Frederick Humphries
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There's now a Canadian connection to the David Petraeus sex scandal following revelations that the FBI agent who helped uncover the disgraced CIA director's extra-marital affair went to high school in Canada and played a key role in the infamous Ahmed Ressam case 13 years ago.

Frederick Humphries, one of the key players in the tawdry unravelling of Petraeus's once-storied career, set the wheels in motion for the general's downfall after he agreed last spring to investigate anonymous emails sent to a friend in Tampa, socialite Jill Kelley. That probe revealed

Petraeus's affair with Paula Broadwell, who was behind the harassing emails to Kelley, a woman she viewed as a rival for the four-star general's affections.

Humphries, 47, a counter-terrorism specialist at the FBI, was born in the Washington state community of Steilacoom but attended high

school somewhere in Ontario. His mother and stepfather live in Illinois.

He reportedly learned French in the Canadian school system, a skill that helped him nab Ressam, who claimed to be a Montrealer in 1999 as he attempted to sneak across the Canada-U.S. border to blow up the Los Angeles airport in a thwarted millennium attack.

Ressam, an Algerian al-Qaida member who lived in Montreal, was apprehended with explosives in the trunk of his car on a Canadian ferry to the U.S. and claimed only to speak French. But while reading Ressam his rights in the language, Humphries immediately knew he was not Quebecois, detecting an Algerian accent instead. Before long, investigators discovered Ressam was using false ID and had charged him with plotting what would have been a deadly attack on one of the busiest airports in the U.S.

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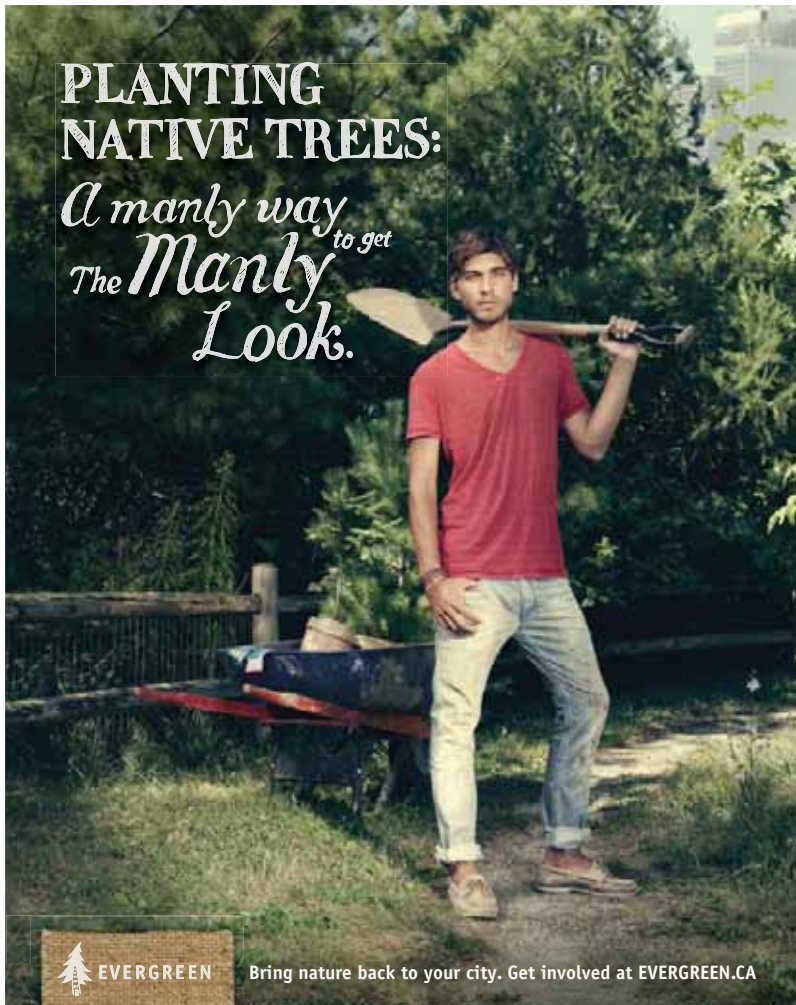
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Tweeting trash talk? Free-speech debate abuzz in U.K.

Social-media snag.
Spate of prosecutions for Twitter and Facebook tirades spark controversy

One teenager made offensive comments about a murdered child on Twitter. Another young man wrote on Facebook that British soldiers should "go to hell." A third posted a picture of a burning paper poppy, symbol of remembrance of war dead.

All were arrested, two convicted, and one jailed — and they're not the only ones. In Britain, hundreds of people are prosecuted each year for posts, tweets, texts and emails deemed menacing, indecent, offensive or obscene, and the number is growing as our online lives expand.

Lawyers say the mounting tally shows the problems of a legal system trying to regulate 21st century communications with 20th century laws. Civil libertarians say it is a

threat to free speech in an age when the Internet gives everyone the power to be heard around the world.

"Fifty years ago someone would have made a really offensive comment in a public space and it would have been heard by relatively few people," said Mike Harris of the free-speech group Index on Censorship.

Figures obtained by The Associated Press through a freedom-of-information request show a steadily rising

tally of prosecutions in Britain for electronic communications that are "grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character (from 1,263 in 2009 to 1,843 in 2011.) Behind the figures are people — mostly young, many teenagers — who find that a glib online remark can have life-altering consequences.

No one knows this better than Paul Chambers, who in January 2010, worried that snow would stop him catching a flight to vis-

Quoted

"People take it upon themselves to report this offensive material to police, and suddenly you've got the criminalization of offensive speech."

Mike Harris of free-speech group Index on Censorship

it his girlfriend, tweeted: "Crap! Robin Hood airport is closed. You've got a week and a bit to get your (expletive) together otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high."

A week later, anti-terror-

ist police showed up at the office where he worked as a financial supervisor. Chambers was arrested, questioned for eight hours, charged, tried, convicted, fined and lost his job.

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Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, holds up a potato "twirl" as she tours a farmers' market on Thursday in Feilding, New Zealand. The Royal couple are in New Zealand on the last leg of a Diamond Jubilee tour that also took in Papua New Guinea and Australia. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Tall tales fly high

British pub holds world's biggest liar competition

Fantastic fibbers are gathering at a remote pub in northwestern England to vie for the title of world's biggest liar. Contestants have five minutes to impress the judges with a whopping but convincing lie. Politicians and lawyers are barred from entry, as they are considered to have an unfair advantage. Last year's winner was nuclear power plant worker Glen Boyland, for an improbable story about racing snails with Prince Charles.

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Mistaken report

BBC settles after false claim of child sexual abuse

The BBC reached a settlement Thursday with the Conservative politician wrongly implicated in a child sex-abuse scandal. The BBC has already apologized for linking 70-year-old Alistair McAlpine, a member of the House of Lords, to child sex abuse that happened decades ago in Wales. The mistaken report has caused turmoil within BBC management ranks and led to the resignation of its chief.

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Nazi victims to get more funding

Germany remains committed. Holocaust survivors will get an increase in their compensation for Nazi crimes

Sixty years after a landmark accord started German government compensation for victims of Nazi crimes, fund administrators and German officials say payments to Holocaust survivors are needed more than ever as they enter their final years.

Most Holocaust survivors experienced extreme trauma as children, suffered serious malnutrition, and lost almost all of their relatives — leaving them today with severe psychological and medical problems, and little or no family support network to help them cope.

In acknowledgement of that, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble signed off officially Thursday on revisions to the original 1952 compensation treaty, increasing pensions for those living in Eastern Europe and broadening who is eligible for payments. Contributions to home care for survivors already have been increased.

"Survivors are passing away on a daily basis but the other side is that individual survivors are needing more help than ever," Julius Berman, the chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, told The Associated Press ahead of the ceremony.

"While a person came out of the camps very young and



The chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Julius Berman, walks through the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin on Thursday. German officials say payments to Holocaust survivors are needed more than ever.

MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

eventually developed a life of their own over the years, the impact of what happened at the beginning is now coming to the fore. Whether it's mentally or physically, they're sicker than their peers of the same age."

Holocaust survivor Roman Kent said his experience is something that he will never be able to forget.

"Just witnessing the atrocities committed at the gate entering Auschwitz-Birkenau is more than enough to keep me awake at night until the end of time," he said.

But he stressed that he does not hold current generations of Germans responsible for the past,

saying they are actually today united in purpose with Holocaust survivors.

"Both of us do not want our past to be our children's future," he said.

Compensation has been ever-evolving since the 1952 agreement, with annual negotiations between the Claims Conference and the German government on who should receive funds and how much will be paid.

Still, even 67 years after the end of World War II, there is much to set right, said Stuart Eizenstat, the former U.S. ambassador to the European Union who serves as the Claims Conference's special negotiator. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Payout

Germany has paid \$89 billion US in compensation since 1952 for Nazi crimes.

- Germany has already increased home care for Holocaust survivors by 15 per cent.
- 80,000 Jews who resettled in the former Soviet Union will receive one-time payments of \$3,253.
- There are still around 500,000 Holocaust survivors living worldwide.

Swedish politicians caught in brawl. Paper releases footage of fight

A Swedish far-right political party that is seeking to tone down its xenophobic image has been roiled by a video showing senior party members using racist and sexist expletives in a late-night brawl.

The anti-immigration Sweden Democrats entered Parliament in 2010 and have surged in recent polls after attempts to move into the political mainstream.

The footage, filmed in 2010 but released by newspaper Expressen this week,

showed Erik Almqvist and Kent Ekeröth, the party's spokesmen on economic and justice affairs, scuffling with a drunken man in Stockholm.

At one point they picked up metal bars from a construction site, but dropped them when they heard police sirens.

Almqvist was dismissed from his position Wednesday, while Ekeröth announced Thursday he would take a "timeout" from politics.

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Controversial author. Boycotted at event, sells out another

An author whose outspoken criticism of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian West Bank got him banned from a Jewish book festival in Atlanta spoke at a sold-out event at an alternate location.

Peter Beinart was originally one of 52 writers invited to speak at this week's Book Festival of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, which attracts about 10,000 people each year. Bowing to pressure from some local Jews offended by Beinart's views, festival organizers

then cancelled his scheduled appearance — sparking a backlash to the backlash.

Beinart was then scheduled to speak in a smaller venue in downtown Atlanta, nearly 32 kilometres from the festival site at the suburban community centre. The 200 seats allotted for his talk quickly sold out.

Beinart's most recent book, *The Crisis of Zionism*, criticizes hawkish Jewish leaders in Israel and the United States for their continued support for Jewish settlements in Palestinian territories. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Uruguay may soon legalize marijuana



The South American nation of Uruguay is looking to legalize marijuana.
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New leading pot dealer? Uruguay lawmakers consider legalization of marijuana with goal of outselling pot dealers

Uruguay came one step closer to turning the government into the country's leading pot dealer on Thursday, as lawmakers for-

mally introduced to Congress a framework for regulating the production, sale and consumption of marijuana.

The proposal is much more liberal than what Uruguay's government initially proposed months ago, when President Jose Mujica said only the government would be allowed to sell pot.

The draft law would instead create a National Cannabis Institute to license individuals and companies to produce and

Quote

"This is an experiment. No country has done this before."

Colette Youngers, a drug policy expert at the Washington Office on Latin America

sell marijuana. It would foster marijuana-growing clubs to provide the weed to their members.

And most significantly, it would allow anyone to grow a limited amount of marijuana in their own homes, and possess marijuana for their own consumption.

"The thrust is the same, to create state-controlled markets. This provides the legal framework," Colette Youngers, a drug policy expert at the Washington Office on Latin America who came to Montevideo to advise lawmakers and others drafting the proposal, told The

Associated Press. "The main difference is that they have incorporated the idea of cultivation for personal use, and also the cannabis clubs, which was not in the initial proposal."

Uruguay still hopes to drive big-time drug dealers out of the marijuana business and enable pot smokers to buy their weed legally without having to feed the illegal and violent industry that provides addicts with harder drugs such as cocaine and its derivatives. It also still wants to track pot consumption through a confidential database — perhaps by giving people accounts and cards with magnetic stripes that would track purchases while concealing user's identities, she said.

The proposed law would allow anyone to grow or to possess up to 40 grams of pot for their own consumption, and grow six pot plants in their own homes (up to 480 grams) at a time. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Comparison

Uruguay vs. the U.S.

A look at a proposal to legalize marijuana in Uruguay, compared with the new laws in two U.S. states:

Uruguay: The proposal formally introduced to Congress on Thursday would create a National Cannabis Institute with the power to license people and companies to produce marijuana for recreational, medical or industrial uses. It would allow adults to possess up to 40 grams for personal use and anyone to grow up to six pot plants and produce up to 480 grams of marijuana in their

own homes. People could join clubs of up to 15 pot smokers who together would be licensed by the state to grow as many as 90 plants at a time (up to 7,200 grams of marijuana a year.)

Colorado: Allows adults 21 and older to possess up to two ounces of marijuana without a doctor's recommendation, and to grow up to six marijuana plants. It does not allow marijuana to be used publicly.

Washington State: Decriminalizes the possession of up to an ounce of marijuana for adults over the age of 21. The state will license the growing, processing and labelling of marijuana.

Toking and driving. U.S. cops consider how to deal with stoned drivers

It's settled. Pot, at least certain amounts of it, will soon be legal under state laws in Washington and Colorado. Now, officials in both states are trying to figure out how to keep stoned drivers off the road.

Colorado's measure doesn't make any changes to the state's driving-under-the-influence laws, leaving lawmakers and police to worry about its effect on road safety.

"We're going to have more impaired drivers," warned John Jackson, police chief in the Denver suburb of Greenwood Village.

Washington's law does change driving-under-the-influence provisions by setting a new blood-test limit for mari-

juana — a limit police are training to enforce, and which some lawyers are already gearing up to challenge.

"We've had decades of studies and experience with alcohol," said Washington State Patrol spokesman Dan Coon. "Marijuana is new, so it's going to take some time to figure out how the courts and prosecutors are going to handle it. But the key is impairment: We will arrest drivers who drive impaired, whether it be drugs or alcohol."

Drugged driving is illegal, and nothing in the measures that Washington and Colorado voters passed this month changes that.

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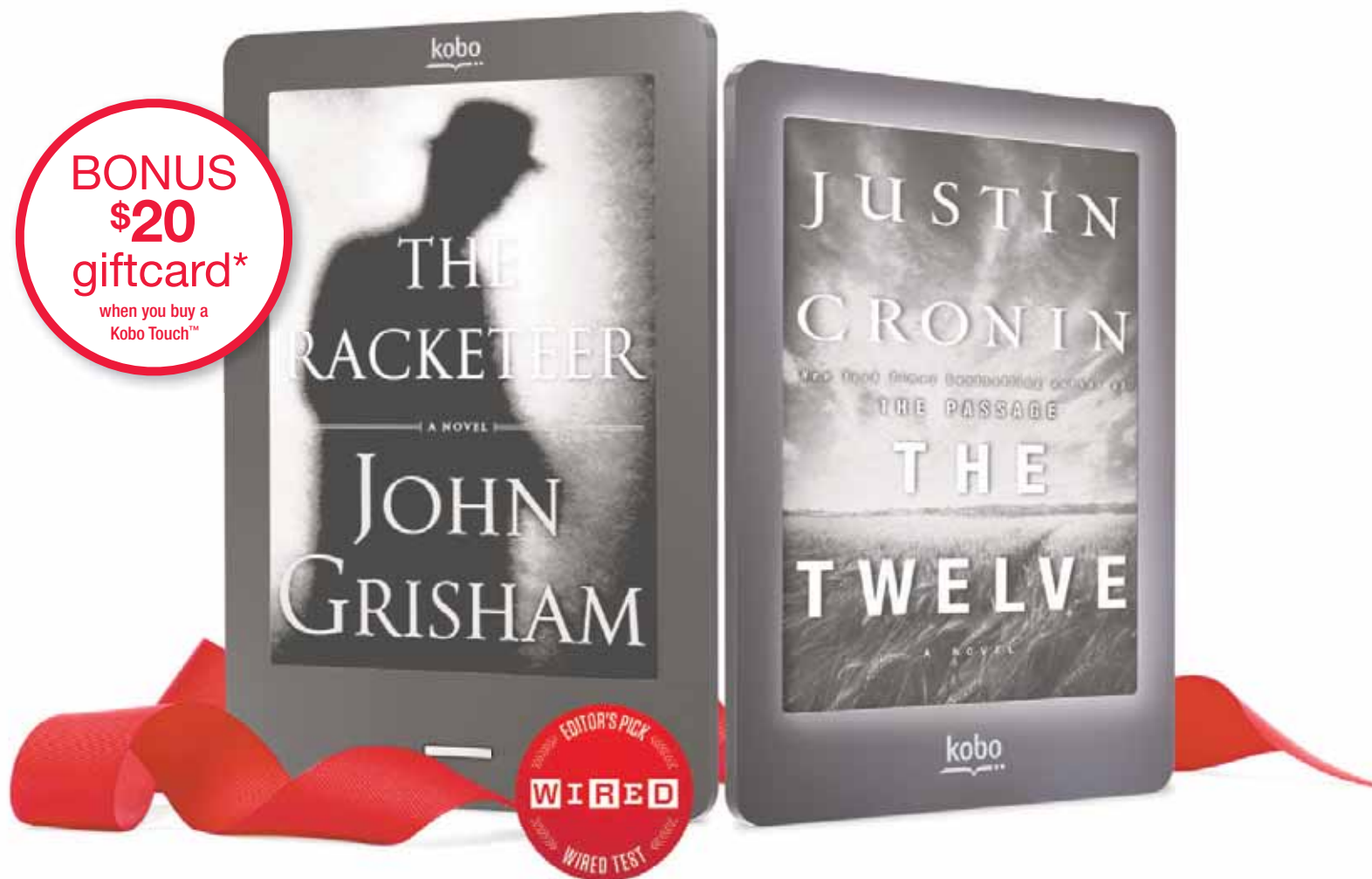
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Romney blames Obama's election win on 'gifts' to minority groups



Top Republicans say their party lost the election because their presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, seen delivering his concession speech at his election-night rally, did not respond to criticism strongly enough or outline a specific agenda with a broad appeal. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sore loser? Former presidential hopeful claims a superb campaign, while top Republicans point out several missteps

Former Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney says U.S. President Barack Obama won re-election last week because of the "gifts" Obama had provided to blacks, Hispanics

and young voters and because of his effort to paint Romney as anti-immigrant.

"The president's campaign ... focused on giving targeted groups a big gift," Romney said in a phone call with top donors Wednesday. He cited immigration proposals aimed at Hispanics and free contraception coverage that appealed to young women. "He made a big effort on small things."

Romney said his campaign, in contrast, had been about "big issues for the whole country."

Press secretary

"I think (Romney's) view of the American people ... and the election is at odds with the truth of what happened."

White House press secretary Jay Carney

White House press secretary Jay Carney disputed Romney's assessment Thursday, telling reporters travelling with Obama aboard Air Force One that

policies allowing more young people to go to college or stay on their parents' health plans are good for all Americans and the economy as a whole.

Romney also didn't acknowledge any major missteps and said his team had run a superb campaign.

By contrast, many Republicans are questioning their strategy after Obama's strong win, with some saying they must reach out to Hispanics and others as their core demographic, aging white males, shrinks.

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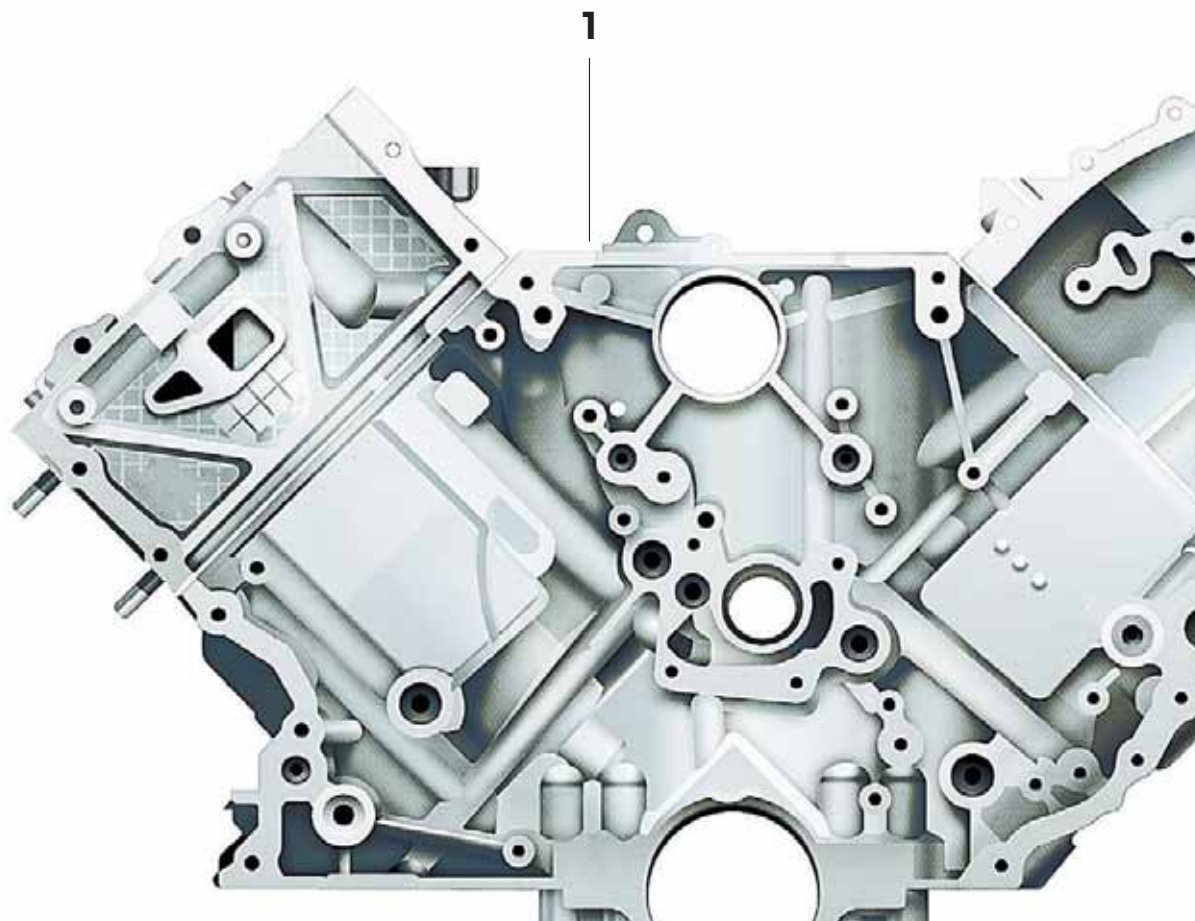
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BP to pay record \$4.5B over Gulf oil disaster

Offshore oil. As part of settlement, firm will plead guilty on charges related to worker deaths and lying to Congress

A day of reckoning arrived for BP on Thursday as the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a raft of criminal charges and pay a record \$4.5 billion US in a settlement with the U.S. government over the deadly 2010 disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Three BP employees were also charged, two of them with manslaughter.

The settlement and the indictments came 2 1/2 years after the drilling-rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The settlement includes nearly \$1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in U.S. history — along with payments to entities inside and outside government. As part of the deal, the BP will plead guilty to charges related to the deaths of the 11 workers and to lying to Congress.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

Also, BP rig workers Rob-



In this April 21, 2010, file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire-boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine were indicted on federal charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter, accused of repeatedly disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout.

In addition, David Rainey, BP's vice-president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, was indicted on charges of obstruction of Congress and making false statements.

Prosecutors said he with-

held information from Congress that indicated the amount of oil spewing from the blown-out well was greater than he let on.

Rainey's lawyers said the former executive did "absolutely nothing wrong." And attorneys for the two rig workers accused the Justice Department of making scapegoats out of them.

"Bob was not an executive or high-level BP official. He was a dedicated rig worker who mourns his fallen co-workers

every day," Kaluza attorneys Shaun Clarke and David Gerger said in a statement. "No one should take any satisfaction in this indictment of an innocent man. This is not justice."

The settlement, which is subject to approval by a federal judge, includes payments of nearly \$2.4 billion to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$350 million to the National Academy of Sciences and about \$500 million to the Securities and Exchange Commission. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tax break for travel in Canada would be welcome, poll finds

By the numbers

\$4.2B

Canada's travel deficit — the difference between what travelling Canadians spend abroad and what foreign visitors spend here — hit \$4.2 billion during the second quarter.

Canadians are prepared to embrace the idea of a tax incentive for travelling within Canada, a new poll suggests.

A private member's bill tabled in the House of Commons by Liberal MP Massimo Pacetti proposes a tax credit for air, bus or train fares on non-business trips that cross at least three provincial borders.

Some 70 per cent of respondents to a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima poll expressed support for the idea. Regionally, almost eight in 10 respondents in Atlantic Canada liked it, with 75 per cent of those in British Columbia and Alberta in favour.

About four of every 10 people surveyed said they would be more likely to travel

within Canada if the tax break was in place, the poll found.

Pacetti's Discover Your Canada Act would allow an income-tax deduction of 100 per cent of bus fares, 75 per cent on train tickets and 50 per cent for domestic flights, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

As a private member's bill, the proposal is unlikely to become law. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hall of fame. Star Wars figures make toy history

Star Wars action figures are joining centuries-old dominoes in the U.S. National Toy Hall of Fame's class of 2012, announced Thursday.

Star Wars action figures went on the market after the 1977 release of the classic movie. The figures of Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and others were sold until 1985 and again from the mid-1990s to today.

Museum officials said their phenomenal popularity inspired other toy makers to tie their products to mov-

ies and television series, and they noted the toys' appeal extends to adults, who continue to collect them. Dominoes originated in China in the 1300s and appeared later in Europe in a slightly different form.

The two toys beat out plastic green army men, the board game Clue, the Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Lite-Brite, the Magic 8 Ball, the pogo stick, sidewalk chalk, the electronic game Simon, the tea set and Twister.

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Google is investing \$75 million US in an Iowa wind farm as part of its effort to encourage development of cleaner energy sources.

The deal announced Thursday gives Google Inc.

a stake in the Ropey Wind Farm in Greene County, Iowa. The wind farm is located about 210 kilometres northeast of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is home to one of the eight data centres that power Google's Internet search engine and other services.

The Iowa data centre won't be getting power

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Tipped off: Gratuities are a touchy subject

Service. Tapped out or generous, patrons and servers don't see eye-to-eye on tips

Everybody's got their two cents' worth on tipping. "A tip is our way of saying thank you for doing a great job," says etiquette expert Margaret Page.

As soon as it becomes expected, then it's part of a person's wage or salary and it's not optional, says Page of Etiquette Page Enterprises in Vancouver.

"And that's not the intention of the tip," she adds.

Page said a 15 per cent tip is the standard for a good meal and 20 per cent for a really good meal with "exceptional" service. She said the tip is added before the tax, which of course goes to the government.

Tipping has been making headlines recently after those on the receiving end, who got nothing for their efforts, acted on their discontent.

A woman who left no tip gained Internet notoriety after spending almost \$140 at a restaurant and writing: "Single



A tip is left on a table Tuesday in Montreal. Etiquette experts say tipping is a thank you and the standard remains at 15 per cent — for exceptional service, 20 per cent is appropriate. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

mom, sorry" in the space reserved for the tip. A photo of the bill was posted on social news website Reddit by her server.

The photo of the woman's bill has gone viral and been viewed more than 600,000 times, sparking much online commentary about her behaviour.

Tipping was also in the news when a Pizza Hut em-

ployee in Des Moines, Iowa, became so upset after a woman didn't give him a tip that he allegedly pulled down his pants and urinated on her front door, a local TV station reported. The woman apparently said she didn't have the money for a tip.

Website tipthepizzaguy.com says drivers should be tipped because they bring dinner to your door.

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Justin Trudeau for king. It will probably end up as a formality,

but the federal Liberal leadership race is on, so far pitting the sexy son of a legendary philosopher-visionary prime minister against somebody named Martha Hall Findlay. Gotta like them odds, Martha.

2

Old white men just like to have fun. Renowned for his strategic brilliance, Gen. David Petraeus also demonstrates that he can think with his little brain. After his affair with his biographer was revealed, Mrs. Petraeus was in shock, if not awe. Now the old soldier would dearly love to fade away ... or crawl back under a nice rock.

3

Navel-gazing for science. The belly buttons of 66 volunteers at a North Carolina university were examined and researchers announced they contained 2,368 bacterial species, 1,458 of which may be new to science. One belly button alone harboured 107 species. I realize I say this a lot, but I am not making this up.

4

Why do lemmings jump over the fiscal cliff? Let me get this straight. Unless the U.S. Congress and the president come up with a new plan, a series of budgetary changes mandated to take place in the new year will plunge the world into recession? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?

5

Like THIS on Facebook. The Israeli Defense Force blows up the car carrying the head of military operations for Hamas, immediately posts the attack on YouTube and sends the following tweet: "Ahmed Jabari: Eliminated." Geez.

6

And then there's Nik Lewis. In another inappropriate tweet, the slotback for the Calgary Stampeders issues the following bulletin: "I just bought O-J's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." First we had computer viruses, now we have social-media disease.

7

Fifty million French persons outraged. The French government apparently feels the need to save its citizens from Nutella, that hazelnut-and-chocolate spread that no French person can get through the day without. The Nutella tax, as it's being called, increases the price of the oil used to make Nutella by three times. What's next? Foie gras?

8

Bieberwatch. No doubt overwrought after his breakup with Selena Gomez over the weekend, Justin Bieber was pulled over by a Hollywood cop for making an unsafe left-hand turn. How about that? He's old enough to drive. It's his second violation in six months. The other one was for driving without training wheels.



Been doing some navel-gazing lately? Betcha didn't know there's a whole kingdom of different species in there — some not even known to scientists yet. **FLICKR**

A man-made mandala



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Guinness record

Indian dancers set world record

Thousands of participants take part in the largest kaikottikali, a traditional Indian dance, in Mumbai — an achievement to celebrate Guinness World Records Day on Thursday.

The eighth annual event brought together more than 420,000 people worldwide, attempting to break an array of unique and amazing records. **METRO**

Dance in numbers

2,639

participants in the kaikottikali dance, the largest ever event of its kind and a world-first: A dance of this scale is unprecedented.

Kaikottikali is a famous group-dance performed by women in the southwest Indian state of Kerala. This spectacle has eight to 10 women dancing in a symmetrical form. The dancers move in a circular pattern, accompanied by rhythmic hand-clapping, to the tune of the ritual song Thiruvathira pattu. As they move, they bend sideways, with their arms coming together in graceful gestures.

Other records

- **Most underpants worn.** 266 by Australian Steve Jacobs, who beat the previous record held by himself: 247.
- **Most people crammed in a Mini Cooper.** 28 is the new record for most people crammed in a modern Mini in London. Dani Maynard and her team beat the previous record by one person, cramming in for a total of five seconds.

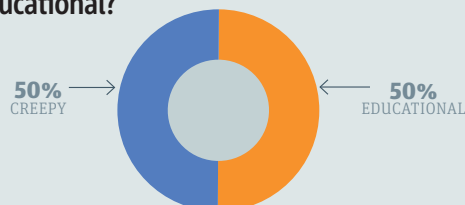


Graceful dance, yet smashes record: The world-first mass kaikottikali dance was organized by local charity Mumbai Pooram Foundation.



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A breast-feeding baby doll — creepy or educational?



Twitter

@julesafool:

If the sun is up im probably late to school #winterproblems #yeg

@FACLC:

Are there any signs at intersections that HAVEN'T been knocked over? #yeg

@Grndmstrawesome:

When did walking your dog with a leash become a sign of weakness? #yeg

@whiskeylullaby_:

Just saw a kid gangnam style across the street while crossing. Hahahaha. #yeg

@Maddzyb:

Is it actually +2 mid November? Maybe spring is around the corner and not winter. #yeg

@kmKlipp:

When did the entire skunk population in #yeg move to Fox Drive??? #stinkycommute #pepelepew

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Going out with a fang

Breaking Dawn - Part 2. In this Reel Guys, Liz Brown, a TwiHard, helps skeptic Richard Crouse understand the final installment

Richard: Liz, this is it... or is it just the beginning of Edward and Bella's immortal romance? I don't know. All I know is the film franchise is over and it goes out with probably the most enjoyable movie of the bunch. It's out with the angst, and in with a newfound sense of fun. The previous movies struck me as overly ponderous; this one is actually quite funny, occasionally bordering on camp. And that's OK given that the story of vampire babies and ab-tastic werewolves is rather silly. Tell me, superfan, what did you think?

Liz: Richard, the first step is admitting you have a prob-

lem — and I do. I fell for the fang when I picked up Christopher Pike's *The Last Vampire* series in Grade 6. *Twilight* brought me back to that time — daydreaming about brooding, loner vampires and wishing I had superpowers. It seems in this last installment the franchise has wholeheartedly embraced its camp. I prefer my femmes to lean towards the fatale, so it was nice to see Kristen Stewart finally stop biting her lip and show us her blood-thirsty side.

RC: I agree! Four movies of brooding Bella and Edward's ennui was enough. The sad faces and staring off into space may have captured the pain of teen love, but, if you'll excuse the pun, they also sucked some of the lifeblood from the story. The newlyweds still share eternal love, but now they're having some fun. Edward, if you watch closely, even smiles occasionally. It's a big step from the first installments and, unsurpris-

ingly, it makes for a more fun movie.

LB: I'm sorry Richard, I'm still firmly Team Jacob, so I didn't pay Edward much heed. But I'll agree — the actors are having fun in this final hurrah. The most fun for me? Jacob's semi-nude explanation of the supernatural. Judging from the cheers in the crowd, I'm not the only one who enjoyed it. But I was a little disappointed with the action scenes. I know it's a film for tweens, but couldn't the battles have a bit more style?

RC: I thought I heard you let out a squeal when Lautner stripped down. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone. The action scenes are bloodless for the most part. The *Walking Dead* makes this look like *Sesame Street*, but I liked the steely look of determination on Dakota Fanning's face throughout. I just hope she wasn't paid by the word for her mostly mute performance.

Synopsis

It can be said that the world can be divided into two groups: Those who like the *Twilight* movies and those who don't get the vampire romance movies. We look at why fanpires are addicted to this undead love story.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Liz: ●●●●●

LB: Yes, Fanning's Jane doesn't get too many lines this time out, but overall this film is less talky than the others — and that's a good thing. I'm sad to bid farewell to the Cullens, but I'm certain they'll be happy in their "perfect piece of forever." My inner tween now anxiously awaits the next adventure of Katniss Everdeen.

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Andre 3000 talks music and trying to humanize Hendrix

Rock star biopic. Actor and musician aimed to find the regular guy inside the legendary guitar icon

In order to capture his best version of Jimi Hendrix for an upcoming biopic, Andre 3000 said he had to think of him as a regular dude and not a rock star.

"I didn't look at him as an icon because when you're in it, you don't know you're an icon. You don't know you're an icon until other people say you're an icon," the 37-year-old said in an interview Tuesday.

"So I had to take it as a person, you know what I mean? And I just tried to say, 'Well, what would Jimi want people to know that they can't get off of YouTube?' And that's how I approached it," he said.

Hendrix died at age 27 in 1970. He was ranked No. 1 on Rolling Stone magazine's great-

Being Hendrix

"I didn't look at him as an icon because you're in it, you don't know you're an icon."

Andre 3000
On playing rock star Jimi Hendrix.

est guitarists of all-time list. His band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, is known for iconic albums such as *Electric Ladyland* and *Are You Experienced*.

All Is by My Side, which focuses on the early days of Hendrix's career, will be released next year. Andre 3000 is excited



Andre 3000 filmed the Hendrix biopic in Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to see the film, which he's finished shooting in Ireland. He believes the public "will be pleased."

Andre 3000, one-half of OutKast with Big Boi, has been out of the music scene in recent years, although he's been featured on songs by Beyoncé, Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Ke\$ha and Young Jeezy.

OutKast's 2006 platinum-selling album, *Idlewild*, which accompanied a film of the same name starring the duo, was their last album. Their 11-time platinum *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below* won the 2004 Grammy Award for album of the year.

Big Boi, who released a solo album two years ago to wel-

coming reviews, will release a new solo disc, *Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumours*, next month.

But Andre 3000 isn't in a rush to record an album.

"Some days I feel like I'll do it, some days I don't. Some days I feel like I don't need to, some days I feel like I want to do it before I die. So, I don't know



Jimi Hendrix, arguably the greatest guitarist ever, died tragically at the age of 27. HANDOUT

where to fall. I am just hoping one day I get that inspiration," he said at an event for Gillette's eMO'gency Styler Tour, which supports men's health and

bum in three days and I'm like, 'This is what I want to say right now' - that can happen, too."

He also says he's constantly writing songs.

"I write all the time ... I actually stopped typing it in my phone because like a cloud is basically reading every thought that I have and I don't like that," he said. "So I went back to my paper and started writing."

He's not sure fans want a new OutKast album for the right reasons.

"Man, we've had a great ride. ... Like when we got into it when we were high school kids and we just wanted to do something fun and push it, and if it's not that then why do it?" he said.

"I'm not the type that prescribes to nostalgia, and most people say they want an OutKast album because they used to love it. Y'all don't even know if y'all still love it. You just know you used to love it. But you may not like it now, who knows?"

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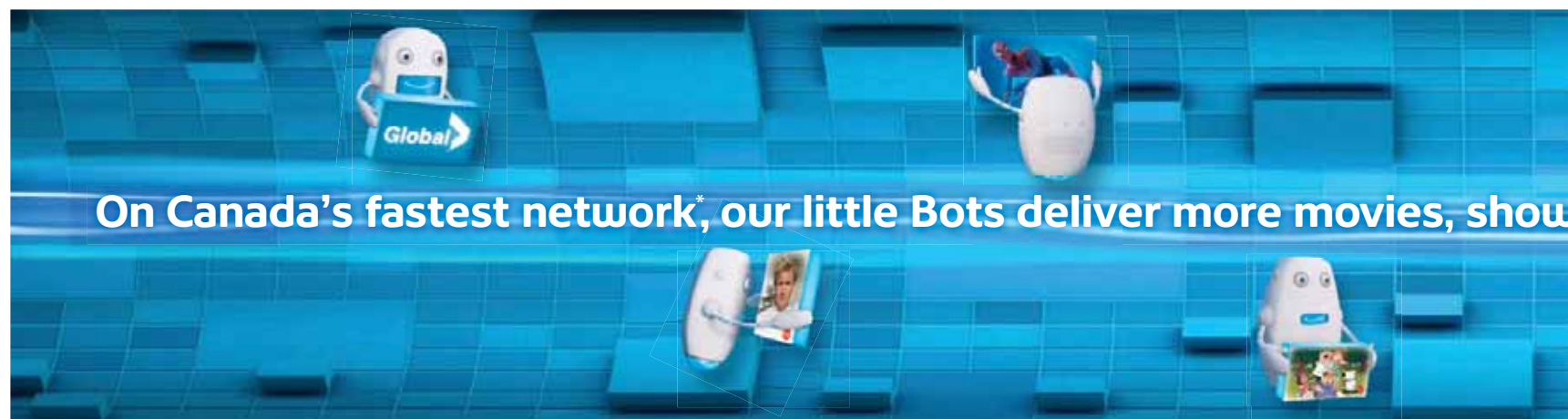
"It's a feeling for me. I can't just throw out an album to be rapping."

Andre 3000
When asked if he is bringing out a new record.

prostate cancer programs. The tour kicked off in New York, with stops scheduled in Chicago and Houston.

"It's a feeling for me. Like, I can't just throw out an album to be rapping," he said. "And I don't even know if it will be rap. I don't even know what it will be."

However, he could find the inspiration and complete an album in just a few days: "It could be a rush situation. Like if I feel that feeling and I record an al-



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Keira's Karenina flips costume drama on its head with ballet-like production

Period drama.

'...people are either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it...'

Keira Knightley's language was anything but prim and proper when she discovered what director Joe Wright had planned for Anna Karenina, their latest period drama together.

To hear Knightley tell it, some F-bombs were soundly dropped.

Knightley wasn't swearing out of anger with Wright, who directed her to an Academy Award nomination for 2005's *Pride & Prejudice* and to similar critical success on 2007's *Atonement*. She worried that Wright's unusual approach to Leo Tolstoy's epic of doomed romance would make the hard-sell of a period drama even harder.

While *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement* were fresh, lively takes for an age that finds costume drama drowsy, Wright planned a wild and possibly off-putting ride on Anna Karenina, confining most of the action to a dilapidated theatre where the actors would perform in a stylized cinematic ballet without the usual grand sweep of period-drama locations.

"The first thing I said was 'Oh (expletive)!' I was like, well, people are really either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it," Knightley said. "I also was going ... you're taking it and spinning it on its head and turning it into something that is potentially totally uncommercial. Into an experimental sort of art-house film..."

"I also went '(expletive), yeah. Let's give it a go.'"



Keira Knightley, a cast member in Anna Karenina, poses for a photographer at the premiere of the film at The ArcLight Hollywood on Wednesday.
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The result is a fluid story that unfolds as much like dance as film, with a brisk pace compared to most period stories and contemporary sensibilities next to earlier takes on Anna Karenina, whose previous big-screen adaptations have featured Greta Garbo and Vivien Leigh.

Reality gives way to fantasy in the opening moment, as a barber approaches Anna's brother, Oblonsky (*Pride & Prejudice* co-star Matthew Macfadyen), like a matador approaching a bull and shaves him clean with three lightning strokes of his razor. Walls roll aside, props

rise up from trapdoors, a swirl of clerks in an office turns into a rush of waiters in a restaurant as Wright dispenses with realistic and time-consuming transitions in favour of a motion picture perpetually in motion.

The action in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where Knightley's Anna forsakes her staid husband (Jude Law) in an affair with a young cavalry officer (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), shifts around an aging theatre. The idea was inspired by Wright's reading of historian Orlando Figes, who commented that 19th century Russian socialites modeled themselves

on Parisians and lived their lives as though on stage, emulating that ideal.

Wright has built a career emulating the ideal of the period drama, once a mainstay for movie audiences now mainly interested in futuristic action or stories of the here and now. But Wright keeps looking for fresh ways to tell those old stories to modern crowds.

"I feel that the stories themselves are rich and relevant," Wright said. "The concern really is that the form that those stories are told in, it has become kind of stuffy and old-fashioned." But he adds, "just because

it's set in the 19th century, it doesn't mean it has to look like it was shot in the 19th century."

One of the first people Wright had to win over on his bold approach to Anna Karenina was playwright Tom Stoppard, an Oscar winner for the Shakespeare in Love screenplay who had adapted Tolstoy's novel with a conventional location shoot in mind.

Two months before production began, Wright decided to switch the action to a confined space and sprang it on Stoppard, saying he would only go ahead if his writer agreed.

"He came around with a big folder of storyboards, and the more I got into it, the more interested and finally excited I was about it," Stoppard said. "It gives the movie a modern spirit, that's what it does. It's not the costume drama we've seen before."

It's not even the costume drama we've seen before from Wright and Knightley, who defied expectations with *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement*.

Knightley had just scored with *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* and flopped as Guinevere in *King Arthur* when *Pride & Prejudice* came along, while Wright had directed only for television. So they looked like upstarts taking on Jane Austen's best-loved novel.

After that worked, they raised eyebrows again with *Atonement*, based on Ian McEwan's celebrated novel, which many considered unfilmable because of its elliptical structure that spans six decades.

"Then that worked, too," Knightley said. "When we got to Anna Karenina, everyone was like, 'Oh that's great, you'll do that really well.' I think that freaked both of us out. The idea that people thought they knew what we'd do with it was something I don't think any of us felt very comfortable with."

"There was a general feeling that if we're all going to do this again, then we really need to push ourselves. The idea with this is we were very much walking hand in hand with total, absolute failure all the time ... If it fails, it fails, but at least you know that everybody's put everything into it."

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RICHARD CROUSE

Silver Linings Playbook. Working with David O. Russell drew out raw performances in Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

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Director David O. Russell is a rare breed of filmmaker whose name transcends the project it's attached to. Mark Wahlberg tried for years to get the Fighter made before Russell got on board — and just try explaining *I Heart Huckabees* to someone who's never seen it.

So it was with *Silver Linings Playbook*, the director's latest starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence.

"These are the kinds of



Silver Linings Playbook, starring Bradley Cooper, opens next Wednesday.

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films I dreamed about making as a kid," says Cooper, who cites Russell's *Spanking the Monkey* as a favourite of his.

Lawrence says she didn't even read the script before

taking the part.

"Then I did and I was glad I said yes."

After having its world premiere at this year's Toronto International Film Festival the story of a mentally ill

teacher trying to put his life back together won the fest's People's Choice Award.

What makes Russell's films so unique, says Lawrence, is his ability to make the audience sympathize with unsympathetic characters.

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Yes Russell has a reputation for being brutal with his actors.

A clip on YouTube called *I Don't Heart Huckabees* shows the filmmaker verbally berating actress Lily Tomlin on the set for *Huckabees*.

Russell explains that he likes working with actors who can figure out a scene on the spot.

Lawrence calls working with him "perfection," while Cooper says, "David has a unique ability to get people to go to their core instantaneously."

"The actors gave so much of themselves," says Russell.

"We had choices in the editing room. We could have made them so much less likeable."

The rawness of their performances are on the screen. Cooper's character Pat has just been released from a court ordered mental institution and is prone to violent outbursts after moving in with his parents.

Despite a lack of social graces, Pat befriends Tiffany, a widowed sex addict played by Lawrence, who promises to get him in touch with his estranged wife.

Neither character's lives are clean says Russell. In fact they're quite messy, but both share their feelings and tell the truth.

Given the dark subject matter, that the film retains Russell's trademark black humour is a testament to the realness of the characters says Cooper.

"When that starts to happen it gets funny, it gets tragic — it gets real."

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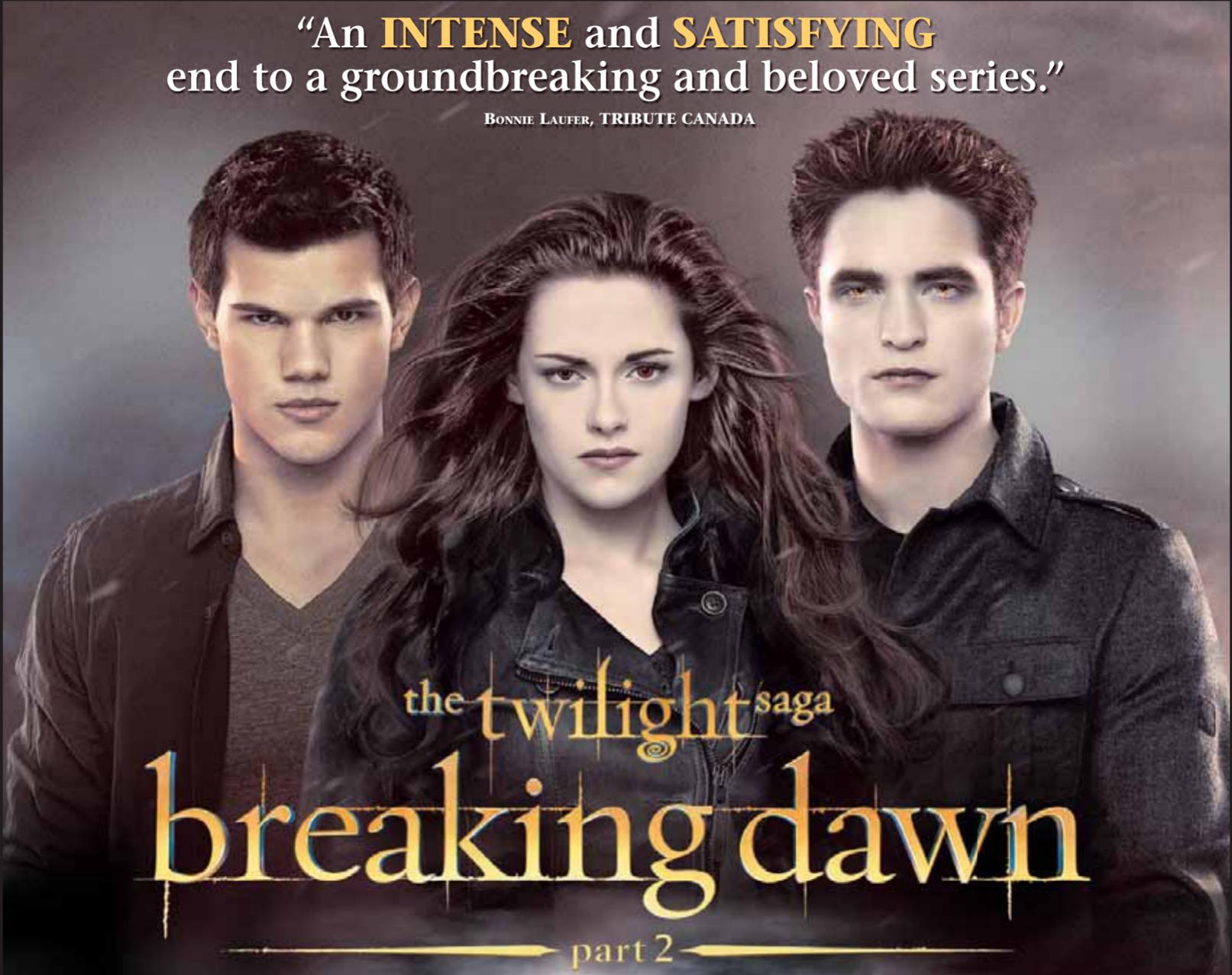
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Dog Whisperer bounces back

Hail Cesar! Millan may be flying now but after a divorce and the death of his dog in 2010 he attempted suicide

Very soon, Cesar Millan will have a new television show, a book, a tour, a documentary, and — if she says yes — a fiancée.

The year is ending on a high note for Millan as he ends his reign as TV's Dog Whisperer and bounces back from a suicide attempt in May 2010 that left him unconscious and hospitalized.

In Cesar Millan: The Real Story, he talks publicly for the first time about the overdose that almost took his life. The documentary, which airs Nov. 25 on Nat Geo Wild, will also launch a global speaking tour.

"It's rare when someone with his level of celebrity is willing to completely open up and share the struggle and hardship it took to find success and happiness," said Geoff Daniels, executive vice-president and general manager of Nat Geo Wild. "Cesar doesn't hold anything back, and I'm certain our audience will feel even closer to him for it."

The 43-year-old Mexican-born dog handler rose to fame in 2004, when his first TV series, The Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan, became National Geographic's top-rated show. Millan grew up in Culiacan, the largest city in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, and worked on his grandfather's farm in the hopes of becoming the

best dog trainer in the world.

At 21, alone and unable to speak English, he crossed the border and lived on the streets for two months before getting a job as a groomer and walker. Jada Pinkett (pre-Will Smith) hired him and got him an English tutor when she learned he wanted to be on TV.

As his popularity grew, his professional and personal lives appeared rosy: he became an author, made appearances in movies and on television, and his wife gave birth to two sons. In 2010 though, things took a tumble: his go-to

said. A new love in his life also helped, one whom Millan calls "the one." Jahira Dar lives with Millan and his youngest son in Los Angeles, and Millan said he planned to propose soon.

"It's a surprise," he joked. "I am a traditional guy, so I like to do the whole parent thing. I know they are going to say yes, but I like the whole Cinderella story."

Besides meeting Dar, constant work also helped him turn it around, said Millan, who described himself as a punctual workaholic who delegates chores and seldom cracks a smile. He runs a rehab complex, the Dog Psychology Center, at a ranch in Santa Clarita, a magazine and a philanthropic foundation, and sells his own line of dog products and instructional CDs and DVDs. His seventh book, A Short Guide to a Happy Dog, is due out Jan. 1, and Nat Geo Wild will premiere a new show, Leader of the Pack, on Jan. 5. Dog Whisperer ended its run on Sept. 15.

The new series, which was filmed in Spain, aims to increase pet rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming around the world. It will feature his training philosophy, a belief that every dog knows its place and follows rules set by the pack leader — in this case, a human such as an owner or a trainer. His success hasn't been without critics. Bonnie Beaver, a board-certified veterinary behaviourist in Texas, said he mishandles animals and that he is losing credibility because "in some situations, he is actually making a diagnosis."

"He may not even recognize he is making a diagnosis," she said, adding that when he

Low ebb

"I felt defeated, a big sense of guilt and failure."

Cesar Millan

On when he attempted suicide after the loss of his pet dog and his divorce.

pit bull, Daddy, died in February; a month later, he learned his wife of 16 years planned to divorce him; in May, he attempted suicide.

"I felt defeated, a big sense of guilt and failure. ... I was at the lowest level I had ever been emotionally and psychologically," he wrote in June on his website without mentioning his overdose.

He rejected antidepressants, choosing instead to get a grip through his pack dog wisdom and use exercise, discipline and affection to heal, he told The Associated Press. Another pit bull trained by Daddy has taken over Daddy's duties, though Junior will never take his place.

"Daddy was my Tibet, my Himalaya, my Buddha, my source of calmness," Millan



Cesar Millan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

says a dog has separation anxiety or dominance problems, "he's putting a label on it and in reality that label is a diagnosis."

In California, that is legal, but in Texas it is not, she said, because "making a diagnosis and setting up a course of treatment is restricted to certain professionals." Daniels dismissed the critics, saying that "few have ever spoken to him directly or taken the time to understand what he is all about — which is a man with a deep passion for helping animals and people."

That passion for animals — especially dogs — is evident. Millan said he's never met a dog he didn't like, and chose a canine as his lone companion for a hypothetical stranding on a deserted island. He also defended his love for pit bulls, saying: "It's not the breed, it's the human behind the dog." Rehabbing dogs is easy, he said, but training people is not.

"A dog would never see me as a Mexican or immigrant or think things people say about me. Dogs don't rationalize. They don't hold anything

against a person. They don't see the outside of a human but the inside of a human," he said.

But there are some times when he prefers people over animals. He was tactful when he said he had both a human and a canine best friend. And he was quick to say that he preferred the Super Bowl over the Puppy Bowl, the Animal Planet's pet-friendly TV show that features puppies romping on a room-sized football field. "I have a 'Puppy Bowl' every day," he laughed.

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Erotic novels have Fifty Shades of difficulty

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Mario Vargas Llosa sounds off on the recent rise to fame of the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy

Mario Vargas Llosa may be a Nobel laureate, but he says he has tried to write erotic novels "without the same success as EL James, who wrote the bestselling Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy.

Quote

"When a novel is focused only on the sexual experience, it can be monotonous, repetitive, it can become a tedious experience."

Vargas Llosa
On writing erotic novels.

The Peruvian writer, who spoke at the Americas Society, said he was surprised to

see Fifty Shades books at the window displays of bookstores in Ireland, where he presented his latest novel The Dream of Celt in June. James' erotic novels are currently bestsellers in Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Chile and Colombia, among other Spanish-speaking countries.

"I have not read it", Vargas Llosa said with a smile, answering a question about the trilogy on Monday night.

"I hope it's fun".

When asked if he would ever write an erotic novel, Vargas Llosa was simple.

"I have tried to do it but without the same success."

"When a novel is focused only on the sexual experience, it can be monotonous, repetitive, it can become a tedious experience," Vargas Llosa said. "However the sexual component can't be excluded from a great novel,

as well as eroticism. It is very difficult to exclude sex because sex is a very important part of human life. Eroticism is the expression of civilization while sex is brutal, is something animal."

Vargas Llosa, author of The City and the Dogs or The Feast of the Goat, was in New York to talk about The Dream of the Celt, with translator Edith Grossman. The author also remembered the recent

50th anniversary of the Latin American boom literary movement from the 1960s that brought him to prominence along with Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Carlos Fuentes.

"It meant solidarity, a feeling to belonging to a community, and a connection between Latin America and Spain. It was a very rewarding experience", Vargas Llosa said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Aguilera's 'fun songs' fall short on new post-divorce album

Lotus. Lack of quality songwriting on latest record doesn't complement singer's famously powerful voice

Christina Aguilera is easily one of contemporary music's best voices. She's got pipes that music-lovers need to hear at a time when Top 40 radio features studio-enhanced vocals and award shows are full of lip syncing.

That's why her fifth album, *Lotus*, is somewhat disappointing — not because it isn't good, but because it isn't great.

Sure, it's an improvement from 2010's *Bionic*, a chaotic album that is Aguilera's only one not to reach platinum status.

Lotus is more focused, thankfully, but not as satisfying as her first three releases.

The new 13-track album is the singer's first music offering since she filed for divorce two years ago. And when she's emotional, she sounds best.

The title track kicks off the album nicely as Aguilera sings about starting over. On *Best of Me*, she sings: "Words cut through my skin, tears roll down my chin, my walls crumble within." And later in the song she sings in a beautiful belt: "I will rise undefeated, I will not let you bring me down."

You just want to cheer her on. Sing it, girl.

Another standout is the piano tune *Blank Page*, co-written by Sia, whose work with Aguilera on *Bionic* is that album's highlight. *Sing for Me*, too, is great and sounds like a personal anthem for Aguilera, who has gotten a boost recently as a coach on NBC's *The Voice*.

Where the singer falls short is on what are supposed to be the "fun" songs, like *Red Hot Kinda Love*, *Around the World* and *Make the World Move*, which features a barely heard Cee Lo Green.

The first single, the Max Martin-produced *Your Body*, is also a miss. Martin is a little better on his other contribution, the dance-heavy *Let There Be Love*, which sounds typical of what's out there, but still feels like a radio hit.



Christina Aguilera's new 13-track album is her first release since she filed for divorce two years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's almost like Aguilera isn't getting the best material from the songwriters and producers on *Lotus*, which includes Alex da Kid (Eminem's *Love the Way You Lie*, B.o.B's *Airplanes*), Lucas Secon, Supa Dups, Claude Kelly, Bonnie McKee, Tracklacers, Steve Robson and others.

Her excellent voice deserves excellent songs.

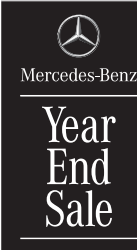
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Judd touted as potential opponent to Senate leader

Democrats. Nobody has stepped forward to challenge the longtime Republican leader

Actress Ashley Judd isn't ruling out a run for U.S. Senate in Kentucky.

The former Kentuckian is an active supporter of Tennessee Democrats. She said in a statement Friday that she's honoured to be mentioned as a potential candidate, but she sidestepped the question of whether she would get into the race.

Judd lives in Tennessee and would have to re-establish a residence in Kentucky before she could challenge Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell in his 2014 re-election bid.

No Democrats have stepped forward to challenge

McConnell, a political powerhouse who already has \$6.8 million in the bank for his re-election.

In 2008, McConnell won re-election to a fifth term and became Kentucky's longest serving senator. McConnell spent some \$20 million on his last election, beating Democrat Bruce Lunsford, a wealthy Kentucky businessman, by six percentage points.

"Sen. McConnell and his wife are big fans of Ashley Judd's movies and appreciate her energy, especially when it comes to bringing young people into the political process," said McConnell campaign manager Jesse Benton.

He held his criticism for those who are pushing her candidacy.

Judd is a regular at University of Kentucky basketball games and the Kentucky Derby and has

Quoted

"I cherish Kentucky, heart and soul, and while I'm very honoured by the consideration, we have just finished an election, so let's focus on coming together to keep moving America's families, and especially our kids, forward."

Ashley Judd

starred in such movies as Kiss the Girls, Double Jeopardy, Where the Heart Is and High Crimes.

She is married to three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti and is an annual spectator at the race.

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Ashley Judd hasn't said whether she'll challenge Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. GETTY IMAGES

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Sandy recovery effort. Dave Matthews Band to donate proceeds from upcoming concert to superstorm relief in New Jersey

The Dave Matthews Band is giving \$1 million to help Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts.

The band announced Wednesday that the Nov. 30 opening show of its winter tour at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, N.J., will be a benefit concert. All ticket and merchandise sales will go to the Bama Works Sandy Relief Fund, established at the Community Foundation of New Jersey.

Sandy's assault more than two weeks ago created widespread damage and power outages in New Jersey and

New York.

The Grammy-winning group will wrap up its tour Dec. 22 in Philadelphia. Tickets are still on sale for the Nov. 30 show, which features Jimmy Cliff.

The Dave Matthews Band released their latest studio album, *Away from the World*, earlier this year.

It was their eighth studio release, in addition to a number of live albums.

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Deck the Hallmark with holly

Busy Christmas schedule. Lifetime, ABC Family and Hallmark all set for festive ratings battle

If the holidays still seem a long way off, you clearly haven't done much television channel surfing lately.

The Hallmark channel has already begun two months of wall-to-wall holiday programming. Lifetime has ramped up its seasonal selections with 10 new made-for-TV movies, the first one airing last weekend. ABC Family's annual 25 Days of Christmas programming isn't enough, so they do a Countdown to 25 Days of Christmas, starting Sunday.

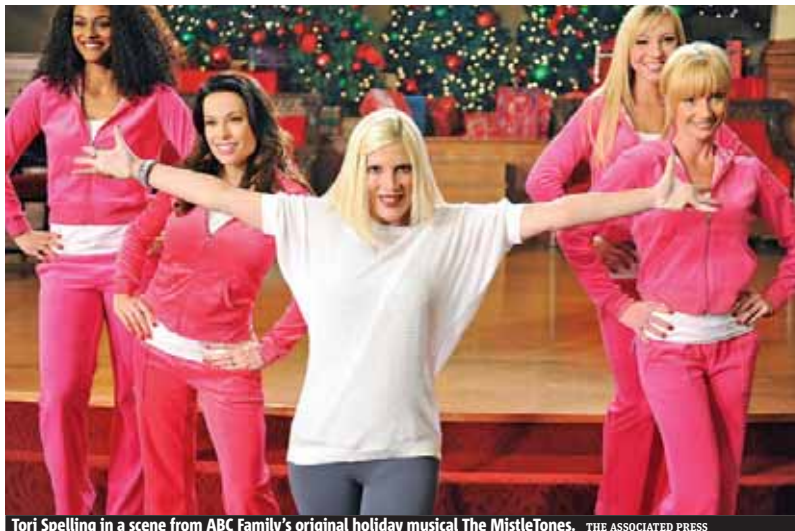
This is in addition to all the old favourites, from Charlie Brown to Frosty the Snowman, that will fill broadcast network schedules during the next month. An already popular television genre is growing in power, judging by the 22 new movies Hallmark and Lifetime are rolling out between them, and a new Disney holiday

musical.

"This is a strategy that developed naturally from demand," said Rob Sharenow, executive vice-president of programming at the Lifetime networks. "It's really giving people what they want."

A sneak preview of the movie Christmas Song on Hallmark Nov. 3 was a hit that left the network second behind ESPN in cable viewership at that time, the Nielsen company said. Hallmark's 2006 movie, The Christmas Card is still the network's most-watched original movie and will be repeated again this season. "Others try and emulate and replicate and copy what we do, but because of our brand, no one can do it like we do," said Bill Abbott, president and CEO of the Hallmark Channels.

Lifetime's aggressive investment makes it the relative newcomer in this area. The long-time maker of TV movies that appeal to women is coming off its biggest success in years, October's Steel Magnolia remake with Queen Latifah, which surprised even network executives with its potency. Its movies feature Mira Sorvino, Shelley Long, George Wendt and Lea Thompson.



Tori Spelling in a scene from ABC Family's original holiday musical The MistleTones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wendt and Long play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus as they're about to meet their future daughter-in-law, Ralph Macchio is a former dance champion who comes back to win a Christmas Eve dance contest, and Thompson is featured in Love at the Christmas Table.

Happy endings abound.

Don't expect any holiday shoot-outs.

Beyond the new originals, Lifetime is airing more than 50 seasonal films, the biggest commitment in its history.

Hallmark, part of a company that also sells Christmas cards, is a natural for holiday programming. This is the

fourth year that the network essentially shuts down its regular programming for two full months to devote itself to the genre. The holiday focus began on Nov. 9 and ends Jan. 2. There's a risk both in overkill and having fans get out of the habit of watching the network's regular shows,

Abbott said, "but we have found over the years that our viewers really look forward to it and really want it."

Hallmark's original movies are premiering every Saturday and Sunday night heading into Christmas. With titles like Hitched for the Holidays, A Bride for Christmas, Matchmaker Santa, Come Dance With Me and Love at the Thanksgiving Day Parade, the focus is pretty clear.

While confident of the programming strategy's ultimate success, Abbott said it is clear that Hallmark has more competition. "We sleep with one eye open," he said. ABC Family's holiday focus is primarily on movies that started in theatres, like Home Alone and Elf. Its own production is The MistleTones, about a woman who creates her own Christmas singing group after being turned down for a spot in a well-known group.

The network's "count-down" programming includes the premiere of the movie Home Alone: The Holiday Heist on the Sunday after U.S. Thanksgiving.

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Amy Heckerling: 'Vamps' of a different colour

Manhattan blood suckers. Veteran director latest to explore vampire genre

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York City

Edward and Bella aren't the only bloodsuckers in town. Veteran director Amy Heck-

erling, whose teen comedies *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Clueless* have become modern classics, tried her hand at the vampire genre.

But it was never her intention to jump on a bandwagon.

"I mean, I wrote this before *Twilight* came out and I didn't read the books. ... That was a whole other world I'm not a big fan of," Heckerling explains. "I don't know where they live — out in the north-

ern West Coast kind of area — I'm a city person and I wanted to feel what it would be like to just always stay young, to go to school, to have a part-time job, to have friends, to go out and do the things that I think would be fun to do endlessly."

And so we have *Vamps*, starring *Clueless* actress Alicia Silverstone and *Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23* star Krysten Ritter. The ladies play roommates who look for love

in Manhattan while also trying to avoid the urge to suck the blood of their suitors.

The rules for how a vampire lives, eats and sleeps are different for each and every story told about them. But when creating her own vampire universe, Heckerling turned to the classics for inspiration.

"What I liked was in *Bram Stoker's Dracula*," she says. "I feel like he laid out a nice

history and set of rules. But then the Anne Rice situation of 'Interview with the Vampire' — the main character did not have to kill people. For me, I think people are sympathetic if you don't kill people. It's just a quirk of mine. I went with [the idea] that they needed warm running blood from a mammal. These girls were trying to be nice and do as little harm as possible."

As for explaining why these fictional creatures have been so popular, Heckerling has a simple, sensible answer:

"I don't find it surprising in the world that where people in their 30s, 40s and 50s [who are] obsessed with extending the 20s forever would be a society that would gravitate to vampires," she says. "How can you really keep it together forever? As far as mythology goes, vampires can!"



Director Amy Heckerling attends the Cinema Society and Rachael Ray Nutrish with Grey Goose Cherry Noir screening of *Darling Companion* at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room in April. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

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How to Destroy Angels, Crystal Castles, Rolling Stones are make-or-break for labels

We're in the midst of the biggest avalanche of big-name releases of the year. Here are three more tracks:



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Keep It Together/How to Destroy Angels

Trent Reznor returns with a band featuring his wife, Mariquene, and his soundtrack collaborator, Atticus Ross. Make sure you spell the title of the EP right: An Omen_ (that underscore is not a typo.)

Affection/Crystal Castles

Canadian band living in London records their third album (cleverly entitled III) in Warsaw then goes to war against Katy Perry for "selling sex to kids." Fascinating.



Doom and Gloom/Rolling Stones

One of two new tracks on Grrrl!, the new Rolling Stones greatest hits collection. Although the artwork is horrible, I still felt the need to drop \$150 on the super-deluxe box set.

Rihanna. On board with a pop star as she kicks off her promotional 777-tour

Who wants champagne?

Rihanna serves true bubbly from a golden bottle into plastic cups, handing them out left and right to fans and journalists when walking down the centre isle of the private jet that are taking us to seven cities in seven days.

The superstar and her entourage sit in business class but now she is walking past our video cameras and iPhones, a tiny figure in a black top, sun glasses and gold jewelry.

There are journalists and fans from five continents and more than 30 countries on the plane. Take off is, of course, two hours late and the scheduled press conference is cancelled. Rihanna seems to be the only one who knows what's going to happen next. And that she likes to party is no secret either.

The welcome greeting is concluded with a "Let's get drunk!"

"This is what my life looks like. You better like it!" she says to her fans on the plane before returning to business class.

Jesper Melin, a 23-year-old plumber from Stockholm,



Rihanna. GETTY IMAGES

is one of the lucky fans on-board. He was snoozing when Rihanna came past his seat.

"Are you asleep, baby? Here, have some champagne," she said to him.

Jesper's friend Daniel Thunell, 22-year-old tinsmith said hello to the superstar.

"It feels unreal and great. I took her hand, it was small and warm," he says.

The first show in Mexico City included many hits and one new song.

"She has changed style completely, it is so cool. Nice beats, it was great," says Jesper Melin. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Despite country duets, Clarkson staying pop

Greatest hits album.

Former American Idol talks about new disc, future plans for her music career and personal life

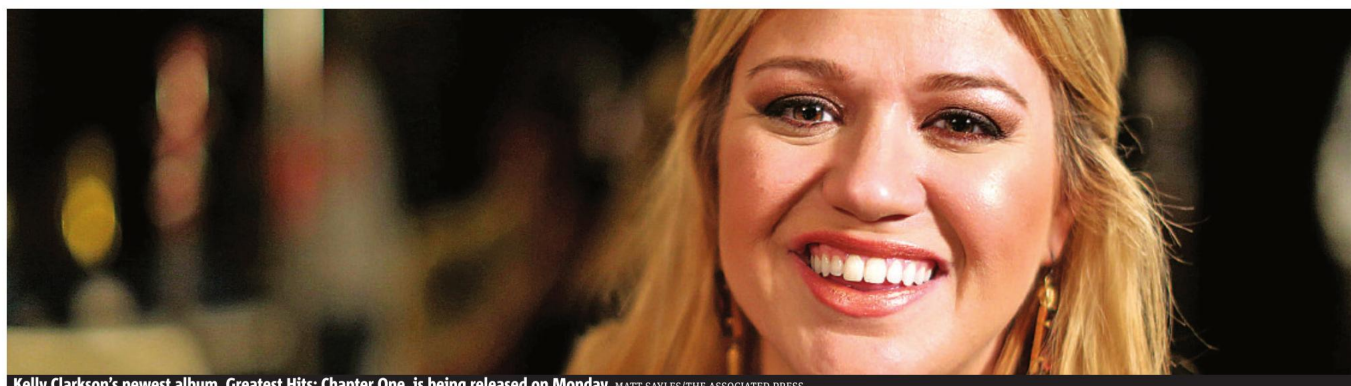
There's a reason Kelly Clarkson has performed duets with country superstars like Reba McEntire, Jason Aldean and Vince Gill but never one of her Top 40 colleagues in the 10 years since she became the first American Idol. They've turned her down — eight times.

"I have, like, 5,000 duets in country music," Clarkson says, flashing a smile. "I don't have one in pop. That's legitimately because everyone turns me down. I'm not even kidding. I've asked so many artists to sing with me. Everyone legitimately turns me down! The only one that hasn't was Chris Daughtry."

The sugary sweet pop star who's called Nashville, Tenn., home for the past six years isn't naming names (and much to the dismay of fans, her collaborations with fellow Idol alum Daughtry were never released.) While she hasn't exactly been able to hook up with the perfect pop ally, Clarkson has found a partner outside the recording studio.

When asked what's impacted her life most over the past 10 years, other than winning the Idol prize, Clarkson doesn't hesitate to say it's falling in love with current boyfriend Brandon Blackstock, a Nashville-based talent manager whose father is Clarkson's own manager and stepmother is McEntire. The pair has been an item for the past eight months.

"I completely fell in love," she says. "Welcome to Cheeseville! I did. I don't know. Your priorities kind of shift and you become happier, and all that stuff. It's probably my best accomplishment because I think, for me, especially, I just didn't think it would happen. It's like one of those cheesy love songs



Kelly Clarkson's newest album, *Greatest Hits: Chapter One*, is being released on Monday. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I'm not ever gonna be one thing. I want great music. I don't care what it is."

Kelly Clarkson

Talking about getting into the country music scene from time to time.

that didn't exist, but it does, so that's cool."

Clarkson was originally apprehensive about releasing a Greatest Hits album. She's only 30, after all. Her label convinced her that it would be a celebration of her music career since winning the first season of Idol in 2002. And she could record some new tunes, including Don't Rush, her soulful throwback country duet with Gill.

Another duet, her Don't You Wanna Stay collaboration with Aldean, helped her score a nomination for female vocalist of the year at the Country Music Association Awards. Obvious fan interest combined with her affinity for the music has led to speculation she might one day release a country album.

Despite the camaraderie she feels from the Nashville music scene, she isn't fully committed to making a leap from pop diva to country star. Though she isn't ruling out going country from time to time.

"I'm not ever gonna be one thing," she says. "I want great music. I don't care what it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television. Obligatory wedding episode coming to 30 Rock this season

Liz Lemon is getting married and you're invited.

Fans of 30 Rock might have reasonably assumed that Lemon, the harried TV producer played by Tina Fey, would ride out the series' seventh and final season as a perennial bachelorette unlucky in love.

But Fey, who is also the creator and producer of the NBC comedy, clearly thought otherwise. In the 30 Rock episode airing Nov. 29, Lemon will wed. Who's the lucky guy? He's Liz's latest fella, Criss Chross (played by guest

star James Marsden), a Peter Pan-ish would-be entrepreneur who hatches ventures such as an organic gourmet hot-dog truck.

On Thursday, NBC made the grand announcement that Ms. Elizabeth Miervaldis Lemon, 42, would be presenting herself to be married to Mr. Crisstopher Rick Chross: "But not in a creepy way that perpetuates the idea that brides are virgins and women are property."

The invitation also specifies that guests (i.e., you view-

ers) should plan to "bring your own snacks."

No preview of the episode has been made available.

The series, which airs Thursdays, will conclude early next year.

30 Rock is the saga of Lemon, the overextended producer of a fictitious comedy show loosely inspired by Saturday Night Live (where Fey toiled for nine seasons as cast member and writer).

Liz is surrounded by kookie comrades like company boss Jack Donaghy (Alec Bald-

win) and Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan), her boisterously unhinged star.

A recurring theme of 30 Rock has been Lemon's comically flawed love life. Short-lived boyfriends have included quirky airline pilot Carol Burnett (played by Matt Damon), immature businessman Dennis Duffy (Dean Cain) and dim-witted pediatrician Dr. Drew Baird (Jon Hamm).

But clearly there was something special about Criss, who first arrived on the scene last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



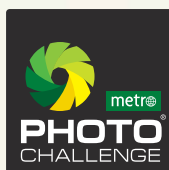
Wedding bells are ringing on 30 Rock. HANDOUT



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Colbert once again makes Canada the butt of a joke

Who's Attacking Me Now. Comedy host also aimed at Canada prior to 2010 Olympic Games

Stephen Colbert, the faux-conservative host of the satirical Colbert Report, took to his show Wednesday night to confront Canadian critics who were apparently angry that the comedian referred to Windsor, Ont., as "Earth's rectum" in his new book, *America Again: Re-becoming the Greatness We Never Weren't*.

In a segment called *Who's Attacking Me Now*, Colbert claimed that the "maplestream" media in Canada had their "mittens in a bunch" over the apparent slam.

However, in a segment rife with groaning puns on Canuck stereotypes, the 48-year-old Colbert warned Canadians not to get their "tuques in a twist."

"As a journalist, it is my job to ask these probing questions," Colbert said.

"Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Colbert memorably took aim at his neighbour to the north prior to the 2010 Olympic Games, when he labelled Canucks "syrup suckers" and "ice-holes" because he thought U.S. speedskaters weren't getting enough practice time on Canadian ice.

He eventually made amends, heading to Vancouver during the Games to film an episode of his show in front of an adoring crowd.

On Wednesday, Colbert delighted in referencing a poll from the CBC website indicating that — at the time — roughly three-quarters of respondents believed the publicity brought by Col-



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bert would be positive for Windsor.

"Apparently, the 'Earth's rectum' is an improvement over Windsor's previous reputation," he said.

"So you're welcome, Windsor. You just got the Colbert bump."

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Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Stephen Colbert



Stephen Colbert presents an award onstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in September.
JOHN SHEARER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/INVISION

Shania Twain parades on horseback to promote gig

Country music star Shania Twain arrived on horseback Wednesday for a two-year headline gig at Caesars Palace, parading up the Las Vegas Strip with a herd of 40 horses.

Promoters called the event a stampede, but hooves were kept to a steady, slow gait by nine wranglers who escorted Twain to a reception crowd of several hundred people in front of the famous Caesars fountains.

Dozens more people watched from the sidewalk of the Flamingo resort across Las Vegas Boulevard.

"We could either lose a few hundred dollars inside or come out and see what kind of spectacle she puts on," said Steve Huffman, a UPS manager who watched with his wife, Debi, from an overhead pedestrian walkway.

The couple was in town for his 52nd birthday and learned through a Twitter message that Twain planned to arrive on a horse.

They identified Twain's hit, *Man, I Feel Like a Woman*, as the country singer rode up the street, and they said they'll plan to see the show next year.

Still The One blasted on speakers as Twain stepped onto a temporary outdoor stage near fountains made famous by events including daredevil Evel Knievel's motorcycle crash during a stunt on New Year's Eve 1967.

To some, Twain's arrival echoed singer Frank Sinatra's heralded arrival on a camel at the old Dunes hotel in September 1955.

Twain's show titled *Shania: Still the One* opens Dec. 1 at the nearly 4,300-seat Colosseum at Caesars Palace. The venue also hosts entertainers Celine Dion, Elton John, Jerry Seinfeld and others.

Twain, 47, is touted as one of the bestselling female country artists of all time.

The Canadian singer-songwriter has sold more than 75 million albums worldwide.

Las Vegas police, including several on horseback, diverted traffic on the busy casino corridor for about 30 minutes for the spectacle.

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Shania Twain makes her official arrival on horseback at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Wednesday. JASON REAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Love is all you need

Lindsay Lohan may have pinpointed the source of all her unhappiness. According to the troubled actress, she's never found true love.

"Love is scary and I'm yet to find that one person. Yes, I've been in love with people

— maybe one or two — but I haven't really had a true love yet," she tells the Daily Mirror. I love being in love. There's nothing better than that first feeling of being in love, so I look forward to having that at some point."



Justin Bieber

Poor driving lands Bieber in hot water

The bad news keeps coming for newly single Justin Bieber.

The Canadian pop star returned to L.A. and within 24 hours found himself pulled over by the sheriff's department for his poor driving skills, according to

Hollyscoop.

"He was cited for an unsafe left turn and expired registration," a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman says. Bieber is due in court January 14 for the citations.

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Guy Fieri responds to scathing New York Times review

Guy Fieri is understandably upset with the New York Times' withering review of his new Times Square restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar. "I just thought it was ridiculous," Fieri says in an interview with the Today Show.

"There's good and there's bad in the restaurant business. That one went overboard."

The review, a series of criticizing questions posed to Fieri about the restaurant, service and dishes, including, "Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like fish?" "When we hear the words Donkey Sauce, which part of the donkey are we supposed to think about?" and, "When you hung that sign by the entrance that says, WELCOME TO FLAVOR TOWN!, were you just messing with our heads?" **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Johnny Depp

Private concert for Depp's daughter

Being the daughter of Johnny Depp certainly has its perks.

When the Pirates of the Caribbean star learned that British boy band One Direction was in Los Angeles last week, he had them come over to his home studio to give a private concert for daughter Lily Rose's 13th

birthday, according to the Sun.

"He brought out his piano and guitars for the boys to test and they had a little jam session," a source says. "Lily Rose just watched with her blushing mates while her dad temporarily joined the world's biggest boy band."

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It doesn't matter how you slice it: Canadians love their pizza. Fresh or frozen, baked in a wood-fired brick oven or from a neighbourhood take-out joint, the way we devour it almost makes you think that Italians discovered the Great White North.

While my quest for that perfect mix of dough, sauce and toppings has taken me everywhere from Naples, Italy to Sydney, Australia, I've discovered that the hunt for the perfect pie really begins at home.

Making a pizzeria style version in your own kitchen isn't rocket science — especially when you keep things simple like a Pizza Margherita: The classic Napoli pie that, with its combo of tomato, mozzarella and basil, was designed to mirror the Italian flag.

As a general rule, your average pizza is pretty vino friendly. Without meaty influences, a lighter, leaner red makes the ideal quaffable match. Bolla's 2011 Valpolicella Classico (\$11.95 - \$15.50) is a perennial by-the-glasser at in-the-know pizza parlours. Its soft, fruity blend of cherry and subtle spice makes as happy a marriage with a Margherita-style pizza as it does with a mainstream.

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Master Italian
with the Cake Boss

New cookbook. The TLC star shares 100 of his favourite recipes

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Sundays at Buddy Valastro's house are ruled by three f-words: food, family and football. It's a day for the star of TLC's hit show *Cake Boss* to throw on his New York Giants jersey while his wife, Lisa, whips up tomato sauce.

But the man behind Carlo's Bakery also knows his way around the kitchen — so much so that he has released *Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss: Family Favorites As Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up*. The 100-recipe book features Italian-American dishes with signature touches that may just expand Valastro's boss reputation to boiling pots of gnocchi.

The book is dedicated to your wife. Who is really the boss in your kitchen?

I gotta give it up to my wife, she is definitely the boss of cooking in my house. I wanted to dedicate a book to her and I'm so happy it's this one because a lot of the recipes are hers, so I feel like I didn't just steal from her.

I have to pit you against your mom and your wife, and ask, who is the best cook?

Oh, I'm definitely the best cook out of the three. They won't even try to deny it. My food has



Buddy Valastro has released a new Italian cookbook. SUBMITTED

a lot more flavour profile to it. I attribute that to having a really unique palate.

Is there anything you haven't mastered in Italian cooking?

I don't consider myself a master. At the end of the day, nothing brings families together like food, but sometimes people get in a rut. Take my wife, great cook, but she makes the same stuff every week. So I want the book to make people think,

"You know what? Instead of making plain veal cutlets, I'm gonna make Veal Saltimbocca. Let me try something new".

Aside from Italian, what else do you like to cook?

My favourite is probably Asian.

Are we going to get a Cooking Chinese with Buddy book?

I don't know about cooking Chinese, but Buddy can make some damn good fried rice.

Recipe

Pizza Margherita

1. Position rack in bottom of oven and set pizza stone on rack. Preheat to 450 F.
2. Lightly work surface and a pizza peel with cornmeal. Pat and stretch or roll out the dough to a 9- to 10-inch round. In one swift movement, lift the dough by one edge and drag it onto peel.
3. Use ladle to spoon sauce into centre of dough, then use back of ladle to spread it, leaving 1/2-inch border. Scatter mozzarella decoratively over pizza.
4. Open oven and carefully slide pizza onto stone. Bake until crust is golden brown and cheese bubbles, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove pizza with peel. Scatter basil over pizza, season with pinch of salt, and drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil.
5. Transfer pizza to a serving platter. Slice into 6 slices, and serve.

- Cornmeal, for dusting your work surface and pizza peel
 - 1/3 Pizza Dough recipe (page 95) or store-bought pie
 - 1/4 cup Pizza Sauce (page 97) or store-bought
 - 4 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced into rounds, drained on paper towels
 - 6 leaves fresh basil
 - Kosher salt
 - Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving
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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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SAANNTTAAAA!!

Um, forget the sleigh, Santa's arriving in his helicopter? Yep. You read right. He's making quite an entrance, this year, Sat. Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. at Kingsway Mall, main entrance, #1 parking lot. The first 250 kids get a pair of red, warm, cozy Kingsway Mall mittens, and all get a coupon for a free small hot chocolate, compliments of Tim Hortons Kingsway Mall location. That makes it a bit better for parents standing in a long line to see the jolly man in the red suit, yes?



Hallelujah

We older folk are likely lined up to see the Canadian musician and literary legend Leonard Cohen, but, good on him, he's popular with the youngsters too (probably thanks to the countless times someone has recorded his signature Hallelujah). The 77-year-old comes to Rexall Place Sun. Nov. 18 with the aptly named Old Ideas World Tour. There will be classics like Suzanne and Bird on a Wire, plus new tunes from his 2012 album Old Ideas. Find tickets at ticketmaster.ca.



Challenging theatre

Northern Lite Theatre, called a unique and surprising little company, examines unconventional male/female partnerships with 6.0: How Heap and Pebble Took on the World and Won, playing until Nov. 24 at the Arts Barns. The play follows ice dance champs Heap and Pebble in a futuristic world, where ice rinks are extinct thanks to global warming. No matter, the pair is raring for a comeback. Let the performers take you on a spin as they tell their story. See northenlitetheatre.com



Movember ...let it be done

If you've been growing that 'stache all month, then why not take the soup strainer off with flair at the Movember shave party Nov. 30 at Rutherford House. The Friends of Rutherford House Society host Movember Moustache Masquerade at the historic home —live jazz music, food and wine set the backdrop, but the night includes speakers from the U of A oncology department and prostate peer support group. There's also a photo booth and hot towel shaves in vintage barber chairs. Lots of fun — get your tickets early. Call 780-427-4033.



Big Hat

She wears a big ol' cowboy hat, and this Alberta country singer has done well for herself — making it big with hits like Better Things to Do and No Fear. Terri Clark gives a free acoustic concert set and autograph session at the NewCap Radio Stage Nov. 18, 2 p.m. at West Edmonton Mall, promoting her new album Classic. This is Clark's take on country standards that span the 1950s to 1980s. It's sure to be a busy event, so go early. Call 780-444-5256 for more.



Festival of Ideas

The U of A's Festival of Ideas runs through Sunday with music and talks around town, but here's what I'd go to: Jian Ghomeshi, Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Winspear. Tickets are \$18 student/senior, and \$28 adults. Listen to the silken-voiced host of CBC Radio's interview program Q talk about his debut book, a memoir called 1982. The book is ten stories of the songs and moments that changed the author's life — his obsession with David Bowie and life as a child of Iranian immigrants.

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Welcome to Oxford, Edmonton's newest sustainable community.

The City of Edmonton will be selling 43 residential lots in the Oxford subdivision in northwest Edmonton (including single-family, duplex, and lots to include secondary suites) via an upcoming public lot draw.

This architecturally-controlled neighbourhood reflects City Council's vision and commitment to effectively build and grow Edmonton while creating moderately denser, more sustainable neighbourhoods. All homes built must achieve a minimum EnerGuide rating of 78 or be certified to BuiltGreen standards or equivalents.

The City of Edmonton's Cornerstones program will also provide grant funding of up to \$20,000 per household to create 25 BuiltGreen Secondary Suites in this phase of Oxford.

For more information about this innovative development from the City, the sustainability and architectural design guidelines, and lot availability and prices visit: Edmonton.ca/OxfordLandSales.

Or, learn more about Oxford's sustainability requirements and other details at our public information session:

Date: Monday, November 19, 2012
Place: Central Lions Senior Centre, 11113-113 Str., Edmonton
Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm
Presentations: 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm

The City of Edmonton has also selected four BuiltGreen certified homebuilders to sell and build homes on the balance of lots in this phase of Oxford.

The builders and designated architectural design consultants will be available to answer questions and provide sales information at the session.

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Nintendo Wii U — \$299.99 and up.

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Below, clockwise, from top left: PS Vita — \$249 and up; Gunnar Technology Eyewear — \$79.99; Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — \$74.99; Kinect — \$109.99; Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — \$149.99.

The best buys for the gamer on your list



MIKE
YAWNEY
For Metro

Since the early '80s, video game consoles have always been big sellers around the holidays. This year is no different.

The competition between Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft continues to heat up. Here is some of the best gaming gear you can give.

Nintendo Wii U — \$299.99 and up

While it looks very similar to the Wii, the Wii U is a brand new console. With beefed up hardware and intense graphical power, this will be the first Nintendo console to feature HD graphics. What really sets it apart is the new GamePad controller. As well as traditional buttons, the GamePad features a 6.2-inch touchscreen, stylus, accelerometer, gyro-



scope, Near-Field Technology, front facing camera and microphone. Nintendo promises to introduce new styles of gameplay never seen before. More importantly, when mom and dad want to watch TV, the Wii U console will stream the game to the screen on the GamePad so everyone remains happy. The Wii U is also backwards compatible with nearly all Wii

games and controllers.

PS Vita — \$249 and up

Playstation takes portable gaming to the next level with the PS Vita. This handheld console features a vibrant five-inch touchscreen display, dual analog sticks, motion sensors, stereo speakers and two cameras. Surf the web, video chat with friends or challenge them to a game online via Wi-Fi or 3G. A rear touchpad introduces unique elements of gameplay not seen on any other handheld console.

Kinect — \$109.99

It's easy to dismiss video games as being just for kids, but Microsoft's Kinect for the Xbox 360 is so intuitive, even adults will have fun. The Kinect sensor uses a camera to actually put you in the game. There is no controller, just you. All



your movements are shown on screen, which makes it perfect for dance or fitness games. Whether it's for fitness or fun, Kinect opens up new possibilities.

them. Available in a number of different styles.

Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — \$149.99

Play games late at night without waking up the family. This high-end wireless headset works exclusively with Playstation consoles. Enjoy 7.1 virtual surround sound and crystal clear voice chat thanks to the noise-cancelling microphone. These headphones can also connect to many different mobile devices with an included cable.

Gunnar Technology Eyewear — \$79.99

Eye strain can become a serious problem for gamers, especially those who play on PC monitors. Gunnar glasses are designed to increase screen contrast while blocking blue light, resulting in decreased eye fatigue and dryness. Those who use them swear by

Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — \$74.99

The video game that magically brings toys to life. Place Skylanders figurines onto the magic portal and watch as they come to life on your TV. Players build up their characters to unlock new powers. Figurines remember all in-game experiences so it doesn't matter if you are playing at home or at a friend's house, your character never loses its abilities once they're unlocked. Figurines are sold individually and are cross-compatible with all major consoles, including Nintendo's 3DS.



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Merry minstrels hit the right note



KEITH
CARMAN
For Metro

The holidays are almost upon us. While many feel the first snowfall signifies the festive season's advent, though, the more musically inclined know that the release of yuletide albums mark its true arrival.

At that, this year there are plenty of minstrels primed to make us feel quite merry.

Legendary rocker Rod Stewart issues Merry Christmas, Baby (Warner), his first-ever holiday record. An interesting affair, it offers standards (Auld Lang Syne, White Christmas), duets (We Three Kings with Mary J. Blige and What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? accompanied by Ella Fitzgerald) and oddball tracks such as Red-Suited Super Man.

Lady Antebellum has also released its first holiday-themed collection this year. Dubbed On This Winter's Night (EMI), it boasts the country trio taking on 12 favourites such as, A Holly Jolly Christmas, Let It Snow, and Silver Bells.

Not to be outdone in the genre, revered twangy vocalist Blake Shelton has also compiled his own slew of tracks. In fact, Cheers, It's Christmas (Warner) has already hit No. 1 on Billboard's Holiday Albums chart thanks to his efforts on Jingle Bell Rock and Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

For a touch more upbeat fun, check out famed soul, hip-hop and R&B singer Cee Lo Green's inaugural Christmas collection. Blending original tunes with carefully-selected covers, Cee Lo's Magic Moment (Atlantic) treats us



Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood of Lady Antebellum perform during the 2012 Country Christmas concert earlier this month. GETTY IMAGES FILE

to What Christmas Means To Me, You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch featuring Straight No Chaser and, most impressively, All I Need Is Love backed by The Muppets.

Diversity is the key behind Universal Music's Holidays

Rule compilation. Endeavouring to create a mixed bag that works well as background fodder for your inevitable party, its 17 new and beloved songs are performed by artists including Rufus Wainwright, Paul McCartney,

Calexico, Y la Bamba, Punch Brothers and The Shins.

Sometimes we need to hear an extraordinary set of pipes really belt it out, though. Thankfully, we've got a few true crooners who have stepped up to the mistletoe,

prepared to kiss our ears with their velvety voices.

Opera star Katherine Jenkins' This is Christmas (Universal) will surely soothe the seasonal beast thanks to her silky singing. From The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire) through Santa Baby and Deck The Halls



to Hark The Herald Angels Sing, one can bet this blonde bombshell is at her best.

Need a little more Canadian spirit in your seasonal celebration? Fear not. Michael Bublé will happily oblige with Christmas (Reprise), a bastion of 15 holiday tunes ranging from It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas to Santa Claus Is Coming To Town and I'll Be Home For Christmas. Moreover, if there is a passionate Bublé fan on your gift list, consider the limited special edition with three bonus tracks and an exclusive acrylic ornament.



Canadian crooner Michael Bublé will get you in the spirit for the holidays with his album entitled Christmas. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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The hottest toys for kids



**HEATHER
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For Metro

Here's a roundup of five of the hottest kids toys as well as a few stocking stuffer ideas that are sure to raise the holiday spirits of every child on your gift list.

LeapPad2 Explorer

Based on the award-



winning LeapPad1, this tablet made especially for little people (ages three to nine years old) features front and back cameras, two video recorders, 4GB of memory and a library of hundreds of learning games, eBooks, videos, music and much more. The Gameboy-like portable unit focuses on educational gaming. Comes pre-installed with a music player and a few creativity apps. \$109.99. leapfrog.com

Furby

That furry and famous kids' pal is back and better equipped for a generation of tech-savvy kids. Furby is interactive: You can feed it, speak to it, tickle it, play music for it and it will react with varying emotions. But how you treat Furby will shape its person-

The LeapPad2 Explorer, \$109.99, available at leapfrog.com.

ality. Aside from capacitive sensors in its head, stomach, back and sides that react to touching, inside Furby's yellow beak is a red tongue, that, when pressed, starts Furby chewing. Available in 10 colours. \$70. Ages six and older. Hasbro.ca

Lollipop Duet Stage Microphone

Little singers can belt out their favourite tunes with this rockin' stage mic. Featuring a handheld microphone with a height-adjustable stand along with a headset mic, so two kids can share the spotlight at once. The microphone can be connected to an iPod, MP3 or CD player so little singers get a real surround sound effect. Disco Lights and applause sound effects are sure to delight wannabe Canadian Idols. \$39.95. Ages four and older. Mastermindtoy.com

The Art Creativity Book

Featuring games, puzzles, stencils, sticker sheets and an illustrated gatefold page for sticker decorating as well as pull-out art paper and art projects to complete, this softcover book is not only

an educational tool but will provide hours of artistic fun. \$14.99. Ages six and older. Mastermindtoys.com

Spy Case

This kit contains everything a little super sleuth needs to complete an investigation. Contained within the sleek black nylon case: Binoculars, a magnifying glass, fingerprint powder, brush, flashlight, secret marker pen set, and a spy guide. \$24.95. Ages six and older. Chapters. indigo.ca/toys

And don't forget these stocking stuffers:

Magic School Bus Slime and Polymer Lab

Let kids conduct cool experiments on things like milk and snow. \$40. Ages five and older. Scholarschoice.ca

Rory's Story Cubes

Just roll the dice and tell a story. \$10. Ages eight and older. Gameright.com

Paper Bag Monsters

Peel, stick and glue stickers and paper shapes to five paper bags to create a cool monster. \$11.95. Ages three and older. Alextoys.com



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McIlroy has rough start at Hong Kong Open

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy hits the ball out of the rough on the sixth hole during the first round of the Hong Kong Open on Thursday. The defending champion was nine shots behind leader Javier Colomo after the first round. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bettman asks for break in negotiations: Sources

Season in peril. With hopes for a new CBA dashed again, hockey execs also warn of more scheduling carnage

After a lockout spanning almost nine weeks, about the only thing the NHL and NHL Players' Association are talking about is taking a break.

Commissioner Gary Bettman has proposed placing a two-week moratorium on talks after NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr told him

that he didn't know how the sides could proceed, multiple sources told The Canadian Press on Thursday night.

The offer was made during a phone conversation on Wednesday and didn't produce an answer. According to the sources, Fehr told Bettman he would need to bounce the idea off his membership before responding.

The potential freeze comes with talks already having fallen silent after a busy stretch of meetings last week in New York. However, by the time negotiations broke last Sunday afternoon it was clear that pes-

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"I'm more discouraged now than I have been at any point in the process."

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on the lack of progress in labour talks

simism and some bad feelings had made their way into the bargaining room.

Some of the tension can be chalked up to losses that are beginning to mount. On Thursday, players missed their third paycheck of the season while the league moved closer to

making another round of game cancellations, prompting some to suggest the entire year could be in danger.

The NHL is expected to start wiping games beyond Nov. 30 off the schedule early next week. There had previously been hope for a shortened 68-game season starting Dec. 1, but that now appears to be gone.

In total, the lockout has already forced the cancellation of 327 games, including the Winter Classic between the Maple Leafs and Red Wings at Michigan Stadium.

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MLB

Selig reviewing Blue Jays, Marlins blockbuster

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says he is examining the pending blockbuster trade between the Miami Marlins and Toronto Blue Jays and is aware of the fan anger in South Florida.

Selig said Thursday the trade hasn't officially been presented to him. But he said the matter is under review and he talked to two independent baseball people who feel the Marlins did well in the proposed swap.

Miami has agreed to send all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson to Toronto for a group of the Blue Jays' top prospects. The trade is pending physicals, but many Marlins fans are upset with the deal since the team just moved into a new publicly financed ballpark.

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NBA

Knicks top Spurs to stay perfect

Raymond Felton scored 25 points and the New York Knicks stayed undefeated by rallying to beat the San Antonio Spurs 104-100 on Thursday night.

J.R. Smith added 17 points, Jason Kidd had 14 and Tyson Chandler 13 for the Knicks (6-0), who closed on a 22-11 run to remain the NBA's lone unbeaten team.

Tony Parker led San Antonio (7-2) with 19 points and 12 assists. Kawhi Leonard added 16 points and Tim Duncan had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Smith and Kidd hit consecutive three-pointers to give the Knicks a 100-95 lead with a minute left.

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Canadian football's final assessments



CFL EXTRA POINTS
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The Argonauts head into hostile and hectic territory and the Stampeders travel to Vancouver minus their No. 1 pivot, with spots in the Grey Cup game on the line

Photos by The Canadian Press/Torstar News Service

East final

Toronto at Montreal, Sunday, 11 a.m. (TSN)
Here's something the Toronto Argos don't face every day — crowd noise, and lots of it. The more than 40,000 rabid Alouettes fans at Olympic Stadium for Sunday's East final will be harassing the Argos in both official languages, rattling the Big O's creaky rafters and making things difficult for Argos quarterback Ricky Ray and the Double Blue offence.

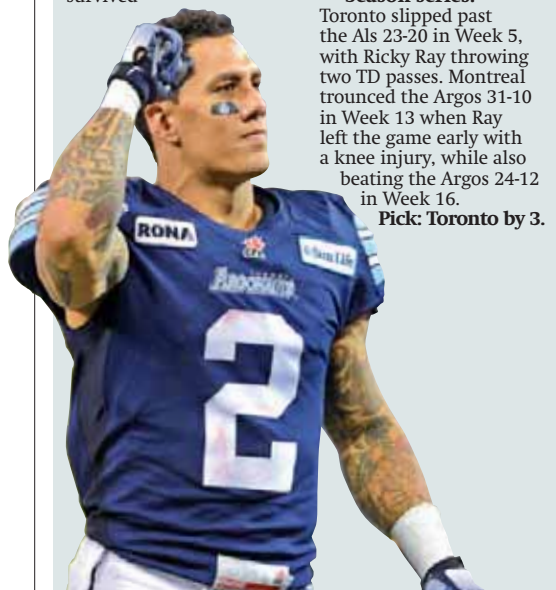
The Argos have survived

and, in fact, thrived in similar noisy atmospheres this season. Toronto escaped Hamilton's ear-piercing Ivor Wynne Stadium with a win on Labour Day. The Argos also emerged from rowdy Taylor Field in Regina to secure a win and second place in the East and their first home playoff game since 2007.

To prepare for Sunday's Thunderdome experience, the Argos have been practising with noise piped into Toronto's Rogers Centre in anticipation of the real thing on Sunday.

Season series: Toronto slipped past the Als 23-20 in Week 5, with Ricky Ray throwing two TD passes. Montreal trounced the Argos 31-10 in Week 13 when Ray left the game early with a knee injury, while also beating the Argos 24-12 in Week 16.

Pick: Toronto by 3.



West final

Calgary at B.C., Sunday, 2:30 p.m. (TSN)
They were worried about his forehead just a couple of days ago, and now Drew Tate's forearm is causing headaches in Calgary.

The Stampeders quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a fractured right forearm, giving way to Kevin Glenn in Sunday's West final in Vancouver.

Tate arrived at practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent concussion in the Stamps' 36-30 West semifinal win over Saskatchewan. Although Tate's head received a clean bill of health, he underwent an MRI and CAT scan Tuesday when the small fracture was discovered in his throwing arm, sidelining him for the biggest game of the year.

"We won 10 out of the last 12. Kevin started eight of those wins, so we'll just move on," Stampeders coach

John Hufnagel told the assembled media in Calgary.

Tate said he suffered the fracture in the third quarter of the win over the Roughriders. It's a frustrating setback for Tate, who missed 14 games this season with a dislocated shoulder after being tackled in Week 2. Glenn led the Stamps offence during Tate's absence, directing Calgary to a second-place finish in the West.

Season series: The Lions thumped the Stamps 34-8 in Week 5 in Calgary, and followed that win with a slim 27-22 victory in Vancouver in Week 15. The Stamps answered in Week 18 with 34 unanswered points in a 41-21 win in Calgary.

Pick: B.C. by 2.



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Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers watches his two-run home run leave the park against the New York Yankees on Oct. 18 during the American League Championship Series in Detroit. Cabrera, baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was named American League MVP on Thursday. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Cabrera MVP win a nod to old-school numbers

MLB. Triple Crown winner claims AL MVP honour by wide margin over Angels rookie Mike Trout

Miguel Cabrera has a most valuable player award to go with his Triple Crown. And Buster Posey has an MVP prize to put alongside his second World Series ring.

The pair of batting champions won baseball's top individual honours Thursday by large margins.

Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, won the AL MVP by receiving 22 of 28 first-place votes and 362 points from a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel.

The Detroit third baseman easily beat Los Angeles Angels rookie centre-fielder Mike Trout, who had six firsts and 281 points.

Some of the more saber-metric-focused fans supported Trout, who hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and he led the majors with 129 runs and 49 steals and topped all players in WAR — wins above replacement.

Trout won AL rookie of the year earlier in the week.

"I was a little concerned. I thought the new thing about computer stuff, I thought Trout's going to win because they put his numbers over me," Cabrera said. "I was like relax.... If he wins, it's going to be fair because he had a great season."

His victory is a win for the traditional statistics.

Triple Crown tradition

Cabrera hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967.

- The last four Triple Crown winners have been voted MVP, including Mickey Mantle in 1956 and Frank Robinson in 1966.

- Cabrera also led the league with a .606 slugging percentage for the AL champion Tigers.

"At the end of the game, it's going to be the same baseball played back in the day," Cabrera said.

Posey, at a charity event

at his mother's school in Leesburg, Va., followed the AL debate and Googled to find out the winner.

"I think it intrigued everybody," he said. "As a fan of the game, it was a fun race to watch."

With three fewer hits or two less homers, Cabrera would have fallen short of the Triple Crown.

"I think winning the Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honour," he said.

Cabrera became the second straight Detroit player voted MVP, following pitcher Justin Verlander in 2011, and was the first Venezuelan to earn the honour.

Countryman Pablo Sandoval took home World Series MVP honours last month. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-New York	6	0	1.000	N
d-Milwaukee	5	2	.714	1½
Brooklyn	5	2	.714	1½
d-Miami	6	3	.667	1½
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Charlotte	4	3	.571	2½
Boston	5	4	.556	2½
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	3
Atlanta	3	4	.429	3½
Indiana	3	6	.333	4½
Orlando	2	5	.286	4½
Cleveland	2	6	.250	5
Toronto	2	6	.250	5
Detroit	1	8	.111	6½
Washington	0	7	.000	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Memphis	6	1	.857	N
San Antonio	7	2	.778	N
d-L.A. Clippers	6	2	.750	½
d-Oklahoma City	6	3	.667	1
Minnesota	5	3	.625	1½
Dallas	5	4	.556	2
Denver	4	4	.500	2½
Houston	4	4	.500	2½
Golden State	4	4	.500	2½
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2½
Phoenix	4	5	.444	3
Utah	4	5	.444	3
L.A. Lakers	3	5	.375	3½
Portland	3	5	.375	3½
Sacramento	2	6	.250	4½

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Orton, Okl	1	1	0	2	1.000
Pargo, Cle	1	1	0	2	1.000
Shengelia, Bro	3	2	3	8	1.000
Daye, Det	1	2	0	5	1.000
Motiejunas, Hou	1	1	1	3	1.000
Jenkins, GoS	5	1	2	4	1.000
Hansbrough, Ind	2	1	0	2	1.000
Garrett, Pho	1	1	0	2	1.000
Zeller, Pho	2	3	0	7	1.000
Randolph, Den	1	1	0	2	1.000
Wilcox, Bos	7	10	14	34	.833
Thabeet, Old	7	4	9	17	.800
Johnson, Atl	6	16	2	34	.762
Turkoglu, Orl	1	3	0	6	.750
Smith, Hou	3	6	6	18	.750
Tyler, GoS	1	3	0	6	.750
Dalembert, Mil	7	19	6	44	.731
Evans, Bro	6	5	8	18	.714
Jordan, LAC	8	40	7	87	.714
Barron, Was	3	7	1	15	.700
Drummond, Det	9	23	11	58	.676
Turaf, LAC	7	2	3	7	.667
Martin, Chi	8	11	0	21	.667
Harrellson, Mia	3	2	0	5	.667
Maggette, Det	1	2	4	9	.667
Rush, GoS	2	6	2	14	.667
Sanders, Mil	7	30	11	71	.652
Bright, Chi	8	35	12	82	.648
Butler, Dal	8	11	12	34	.647
Kaman, Dal	7	47	15	109	.644
McGuire, Tor	7	7	1	15	.636

Not including Thursday's games

Thursday's results
Brooklyn 102, Boston 97
New York 104, San Antonio 100
Miami at Denver

Wednesday's results
Detroit 94 Philadelphia 76
Boston 98 Utah 93
Charlotte 89 Minnesota 87
Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 97
Milwaukeee 99 Indiana 85
Houston 100 New Orleans 96
Dallas 107 Washington 101
Chicago 112 Phoenix 106 OT
L.A. Clippers 107 Miami 100
Golden State 92 Atlanta 88

Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Toronto at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.

Sunday's games
Indiana at New York, 12 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

AHL					EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION					NORTHEAST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Worcester	14	7	5	1	1	39	44	16	
Manchester	12	7	4	0	1	33	25	15	
Portland	12	5	5	1	1	43	41	12	
St. John's	13	6	7	0	0	27	39	12	
Providence	11	4	6	0	1	23	31	9	
EAST DIVISION					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Syracuse	11	7	2	1	1	38	32	16	
Norfolk	12	7	5	0	0	39	38	14	
W-B/Scranton	13	7	6	0	0	33	30	14	
Binghamton	11	5	4	1	1	26	30	12	
Hershey	12	5	6	1	0	31	32	11	
NORTH DIVISION					MIDWEST DIVISION				
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Abbotsford	13	9	1	1	2	42	20	21	
Lake Erie	15	9	6	0	0	46	40	18	
Rochester	13	8	4	1	0	49	42	17	
Toronto	12	7	4	0	1	39	36	15	
Hamilton	11	4	5	1	1	23	35	10	
SOUTH					All Times Eastern				
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt	
Charlotte	13	7	4	1	1	50	32	19	
Houston	14	6	5	1	2	52	48	15	
Oklahoma City	13	6	5	1	1	38	42	14	
San Antonio	11	4	6	0	1	27	34	9	
Texas	11	4	6	0	1	24	37	9	

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Thursday's result
San Antonio at Texas

Wednesday's results
Adirondack 4 Manchester 1
Rochester 4 Hamilton 1
Worcester 4 Portland 2
Springfield 1 W-B/Scranton 2
Peoria 5 Rockford 4
Lake Erie 0 Abbotsford 2

Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Albany at St. John's, 1:30 p.m.
Portland at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Bridgeport at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Abbotsford at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Hershey at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukeee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Houston at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	299	201
Miami	4	5	0	.444	173	186
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	175	228
Buffalo	3	6	0	.333	211	285

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	1	0	.889	250	143
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	186	201
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	127	246

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	254	196
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	207	177
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	220	231
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	169	211

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	3	0	.667	271	189
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	209	191
Oakland	3	6	0	.333	191	284
Kansas City	1	8	0	.111	146	256

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	267	216
Dallas	4	5	0	.444	188	204
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	156	221
Washington	3	6	0	.333	226	248

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	1	0	.889	247	174
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	260	209
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	249	256
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	163	216

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	242	133
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	239	187
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	238	221
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	216	222

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	1	.722	213	127
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	198	161
St. Louis	3	5	1	.389	161	210
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	144	173

WEEK 11
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Miami at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, November 18
Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:25 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, November 19
Chicago at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

CFL					GOLF				
PLAYOFFS					LPGA CME GROUP TITLEHOLDERS				
DIVISION SEMIFINALS					At Naples, Fla.				
EAST DIVISION					Par 72				
Toronto 42 Edmonton 26					First Round				
WEST DIVISION					Suzann Pettersen	34-32-66			
Calgary 36 Saskatchewan 30					So Yeon Ryu	33-33-66			
DIVISION FINALS					Sun Young Yoo	36-30-66			
Sunday, Nov. 18 — All Times Eastern					Na Yeon Choi	34-33-67			
EAST DIVISION					Karine Icher	34-33-67			
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.					Cristie Kerr	34-33-67			
WEST DIVISION					Lindsey Wright	35-32-67			
Calgary at B.C., 4:30 p.m.					Julietta Granada	34-34-68			
100TH GREY CUP					Brittany Lincicome	34-34-68			
Sunday, Nov. 25					Lizette Salas	35-33-68			
At Toronto					Jiyai Shin	36-32-68			
East vs. West Winners, 6 p.m.					Danielle Kang	37-32-69			
					Cindy LaCrosse	34-35-69			
					Anna Nordqvist	35-34-69			
					Karrie Webb	35-34-69			
					Shanshan Feng	34-36-70			
					Sandra Gal	36-34-70			
					Caroline Hedwall	32-38-70			
					Katherine Hull	36-34-70			
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

The more someone tries to blackmail you emotionally, the more you must resist. If you give in to them once, you will be expected to give in again and again. Don't let them intimidate you, today or any other day.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

This will be a hectic day, the kind when you always seem to be playing catch-up. But you will reach your goal in the end, so keep going. One of the strengths of your sign is your stubbornness — you refuse to be beaten.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is a time to be secretive and a time to be open and this is definitely one of the latter. If you share a problem today it, won't be a problem for long. If you keep it to yourself though, you may never resolve it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you go to extremes, the consequences could be painful. Saturn in Scorpio warns that where both creative endeavors and affairs of the heart are concerned, you should stay on the straight and narrow.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you don't want to get involved in what others are planning, you must let them know immediately. If you keep quiet, they will take that as a sign that you approve and soon you won't be able to back out.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you want something, you will have to go out and get it for yourself. You cannot trust other people to bring it to your door, even if they promised to do so. And if they won't help, why should you share?

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If someone in a position of authority gives you a hard time for no good reason today, the best thing to do is take it. The planets warn that they want you to respond so they can escalate the situation.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Some people like to boast about what they are going to do. You prefer to say nothing and just get on and do it. The less noise you make about your plans today, the more likely it is they will succeed.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Whatever odds you face today, either at work or in your personal affairs, you must not be intimidated. Fortunately you are a very good actor: You may be scared on the inside but on the outside you appear utterly fearless.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will meet someone today whose attitude and beliefs are about as different to yours as is possible. They say opposites attract and it is quite likely that the pair of you will form a long-lasting bond.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be tempted to double up on your workload and get everything finished as quickly as possible but is that really such a good idea? Quality work is always preferable to quantity, so take your time.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Set your sights high then go even higher. There is little, if anything, that is beyond your reach at the moment, so don't put up with average. Strive to be the biggest and the best at what you are good at.

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Canadian Crossword

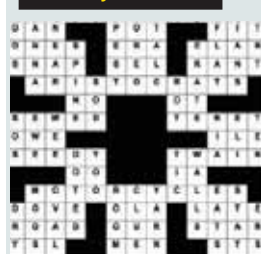
Across

1. Bikini part
4. Dust cloth
7. Genetic component
10. Common suffix
11. Gershwin, and others
13. Avid
14. Deli staple
15. Empty —
16. — Chef America
17. Catapult
20. Eastern Standard Time
21. School room exercise
25. Winter malady
28. Actor Affleck
29. Gold
30. Shopkeeper on Little House on the Prairie
31. Heir, often
32. Bread spread
33. Feeling poorly
34. Morning moisture
35. Lake diver
36. Earth
38. Huge
40. Inwardly
45. Vile
48. "— Brockovich"
49. Wide shoe width
50. Whose — is it Anyway?
51. Fourth largest European river
52. Wheel of Fortune purchase (2 words)
53. Ziering of Beverly Hills, 90210
54. Ever (poet.)
55. Golf term

Down

1. Baby's neckwear
2. Dinner staple
3. Against
4. "Lord of the —"

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6	2	1	4	9	5	8	3	7
7	5	3	6	2	1	4	9	5
3	7	4	9	5	8	1	2	6
8	9	5	2	1	6	7	4	3
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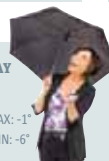
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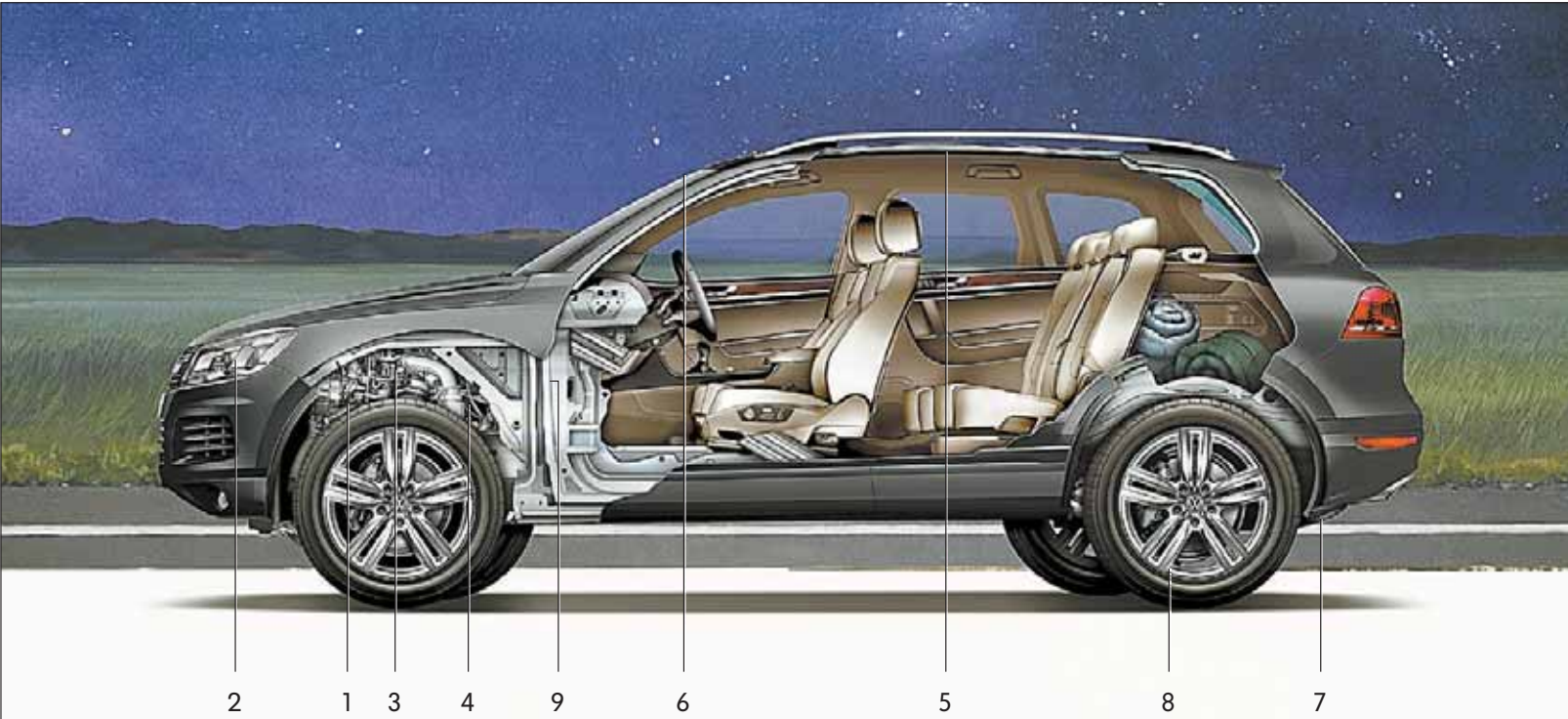
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